



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call **Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Steve Belrose, Alderman Keith Cannon, and Alderman Thad Jones. Those absent Alderman Russell Ipock and Alderman Todd McMillen.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Jones.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Belrose made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 3-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 3-0.**
- VII. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Public Works Supervisor, Vernon Edwards for 45 years of service to the Town of Vanceboro. We appreciate his dedication and hard work that he has given to the Town over the years.

Congratulations to Town Clerk, Beverly Drake for receiving the 2022 North Carolina Rural Water Association's Award for Administrative Excellence. We appreciate all you do for the Town.
- VIII. Public Hearing. **Alderman Jones made a motion to open the Public Hearing for property located at 7834 Main Street. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 3-0.**

There were no residents present to speak at the Public Hearing.

Alderman Jones made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and carried. Vote 3-0.

Jeff Holzbach, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board made a recommendation to the Board of Alderman to not approve the variance for property located at 7834 Main Street. It is zoned as an R-8, which is not part of the mobile home overlay for the Town.

Alderman Belrose made a motion to approve the variance for the property located at 7834 Main Street. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and carried. Vote 2-1.

IX. Public Comment.

No Public Comments.

X. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. Congratulations to Beverly Drake and Vernon Edwards. Plate sales were down this year. Would like to thank the VFW, Alderman Thad Jones and Elijah Watson for their help with the plate sale. We will be starting the DARE program back at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School soon. Officer Baker will be leaving the department to go to the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department. We wish him well in his future endeavor.

XI. Mayor's Report. Birthdays this month include Public Works employee John Raines and my wife Jo-lyne Braxton. Former Public Works employee Darian Rogers passed away this past weekend. Alderman Russell Ipock lost a sister this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of these families. Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms, we couldn't do it without you. The next Board of Alderman Meeting will be held on June 6th. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the little free library house at 6:45 p.m. before the June meeting. Recycling pickup will be on May 26th. License plate reader has been installed at the ABC Store. Next budget workshop will be May 9th at 6 p.m. Thank you to Alderman Belrose and his wife for getting the City of New Bern to come sweep our streets. We'd also like to thank them for planting flowers at the stop light and at the Richard W. Bower's park. We appreciate all they do to keep the Town looking pretty. The Vanceboro Strawberry Festival will be this Saturday with the parade starting at 10 a.m. Met with Jonathan Russell to finish up the grant application, we are applying for \$9 million in grants to help with our Water and Wastewater Plants. Recipients of this grant will be acknowledged sometime in July. We received \$1,295 from Debt Setoff in April. Alderman McMillen submitted our grant application to the Bate Foundation to possibly build our shelter for the park. Congratulations to Brent Manning, Pastor of West Vanceboro Church of God, for filling Stephanie King's seat on the Board of

Education. I feel that he will be a great asset to have on the Board for District 1. The Town Hall will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

XII. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Jones asked if we had ordinances in place for skateboarding on sidewalks.

Alderman Belrose had no comment.

Alderman Cannon congratulated Beverly Drake on her award. Thank you to Vernon Edwards for his service of 45 years to the Town. The Vanceboro Strawberry Festival will start off with the parade at 10 a.m. We have 45 vendors signed up so far and we still have more coming in. We will have bouncy houses, helicopter, and the K-9 unit for the Craven County Sheriff's Office will be at the event. The library will be having a shelter installed on the right side of the building, at a cost of 75K-80K. They received a grant for \$24,000 which purchased new book cases and shelves.

XIII. Adjournment.

There being no further business we dismissed at 7:38 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.



**CHAD E. BRAXTON
MAYOR**



**BEVERLY W. DRAKE
TOWN CLERK**