



# **TOWN OF VANCEBORO**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
February 1, 2021 at 8:00 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, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Todd McMillen and Alderman Dennis Smith.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Belrose.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Police Report. **The department is working with multiple agencies regarding the robbery that occurred in Town on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are working security at the stores in Town around closing time to deter crime. The department has started their training for the 2021 year; it should all be completed by May. The department would like to thank Andy and Melanie Caprara for their donation of \$1,000 to purchase body armor for our police. A letter was also sent out to the Caprara's in appreciation. New Police vehicle is being outfitted; we should have it back by the end of the week.**
- VIII. Mayor's Report. **Recycling pickup will be on February 4<sup>th</sup> this month. The next Board of Aldermen meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The park on Farm Life Avenue has been cleaned up. A new flag and swing was replaced, thank you to Mr. Donald Phillips for taking this project upon himself and keeping this park maintained. The job readiness boot camp is in its second week of operation. Mr. Singleton from Craven Community College stated they had a respectable start. If you know anyone in need of this program please let them know, it is a great way to get a new start in life. Haven't heard anything regarding the Elks Park project. Keep looking for trees to plant at the WWTP. We will schedule the Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant tours for the Board of Alderman soon. The manhole has been fixed on the corner of Mill and College Street. Thank you Vernon and Public Works employees for getting this repaired. The fence has been put up at the Richard W. Bower's Park here at the Town Hall. We are still waiting for FEMA for the Hurricane Isaias cleanup. We sent a thank you letter and pictures to the Bate**

Foundation to thank them for their donation to the playground. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Caprara for their donation to the Police Department. We have contacted NCDOT about the 8000 block of Main Street to patch the street with some asphalt; this should be done in the future. We patched a place with asphalt on Main Street and Bailey Lane. Fire hydrants have been painted throughout Town, it looks very nice. The State Inspection for the Fire department started today. We'd like to thank Keith Morris, Jeff Vanvorhees, and Jonathan Furr for all of their hard work and dedication to the Vanceboro Voluntary Fire Department. We'd also like to thank all of the volunteers that serve this community; there are around 59 members at this time. The American Red Cross is having a blood shortage; the VFW here on First Avenue will be having their next blood drive on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support our local blood drive.

Turnage Construction provided an estimate to do repairs at Grand Avenue and Mill Road. The repairs should help with the flooding on Grand Avenue. The total for both repairs are \$5,775.00.

Alderman Jones made a motion to move forward with Turnage Construction to complete the work at Grand Avenue and Mill Road. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 5-0.

IX. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Belrose stated that the street needed to be repaired by Andy Caprara's house on Second Street and Cleve Street. The mat outside of the boardroom door needed to be replaced.

Alderman Cannon stated the library had held their board meeting and had elected some new people to the board. The library was inquiring about the \$3,500 that the Town used to give each year from the budget. They should have a pop up (mobile) library that will be coming to Town soon. I spoke to Mr. Cahoon regarding building up the grounds behind the Police Department. It will be difficult to have access to the area and will need to have permits and an engineer to oversee the project. It would run about \$3,000 a load to have rocks brought in. The Vanceboro Strawberry Festival committee has decided to put off the festival for the first weekend in May and depending on the Covid situation it may possibly be rescheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Jones thanked Jimmy Jenkins for helping Maddie out. He also thanked Vernon Edwards for the work he had completed regarding the manhole.

Alderman McMillen met with the Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board, Russell Ipock, regarding the overlay of Main Street. The Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1977 and some of the verbage usage has changed over the years. We are working on updating our ordinance during this process as well.

Alderman Smith also was asked about the \$3,500 that the Town used to give each year to the library.


X. Public Comment.

**No Public Comments.**

XI. Adjournment.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.**

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



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**CHAD E. BRAXTON  
MAYOR**



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**BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK**