



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
November 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 Keith Cannon, Alderman Stephen Belrose, Alderman Thad Jones, and Alderman Todd McMillen**.
- III. Invocation by **Alderman Belrose**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Cannon made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VII. Recommendation- Planning and Zoning Board. **Mayor Chad Braxton recommended Mike Swain for the Planning and Zoning Board. There being no other nominations, Mayor Chad Braxton approved. Vote 4-0.**
- VIII. Swearing in of Alderman Russell Ipock. **Mayor Chad Braxton swore in Russell Ipock as our new Alderman to complete the term for late Alderman Smith.**
- IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. **He welcomed Russell Ipock to the board. Stated him and Mayor Chad Braxton attended the ribbon cutting for Swift Creek Academy. Operation take back was dropped off to the SBI in Greenville. Thanked Officer Herring for handing out Halloween bags. Officer Herring and Officer Baker received their 1-year general certification. Do the Right Thing winner for the month of October was Journey Wade.**
- X. Proclamation- **Mayor Braxton proclaimed the month of November National American Indian Heritage Month in the Town of Vanceboro.**

- XI. Clerk- Sale of property – Parcel ID # 1-V-06-007 located on Main Street- Alderman Jones made a motion to sale property. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and carried. Vote 4-0
- XII. Mayor's Report. Laine Jordan from the Strawberry Jam Festival walk is getting a heart tonight. Birthdays this month Chief Jenkins. Deaths this month include Henry Elks and Brian McCoy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families. The dropbox is back up. Medicine dropbox at Police Department is being used and disposed of properly. Thanked the Rotary Club for the bench that was donated to the Richard W. Bowers Park and Alderman McMillen for overseeing that project. Sent thank you letter to City of New Bern for use of sweeper. Elks Park project coming along. 11 houses in total, 2 have already sold. Town edging has been completed. Cemetery has been cleaned up and looking better. Have concerns with billboards. One going up across from carwash. Alderman McMillen recommends we address these off-premise signs as soon as possible. Motion was made by Alderman Ipock and seconded by Alderman Belrose for zoning board to meet about billboard issues. Trick or treating went well. Next board meeting is December 6th. November 11th, 25th and 26th Town Hall will be closed. Recycle is November 11th. Ditch mowing is scheduled for tomorrow. The Treelighting is being planned and is scheduled for December 2nd at 7pm. Garbage pickup will be Saturday, November 27th. Tank on Bailey will be going offline on the 8th for 4 to 5 weeks. Will be able to connect with Craven County water if there are any issues. Thank everyone for the prayers for my mom. A restaurant will be coming to Main Street in a few months. A shred event is being held in River Bend on November 6th from 9 am to 12pm. Beverly attended a clerk workshop.

XIII. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Cannon welcomed Alderman Ipock to the board and stated he looks forward to working with him. Library has started working on the outdoor shelter, and also a grant to receive \$15,000 for computers. The next board meeting for the library will be January 25.

Alderman Belrose took a ride out in the creek and states it's being cleaned up well.

Alderman Ipock stated he was honored and humbled to be appointed as the new Alderman. He cares about Vanceboro and wants to see it grow and prosper. He plans to do his very best being a positive reflection as Alderman Smith was.

Alderman Jones welcomed Alderman Ipock to the Board.

Alderman McMillen thanked Chris Edwards for coming up with a plan and concreting the bench at the playground. Also thanked John Cobb for helping and the Rotary Club for the donation of the bench. The next step for the playground will be adding a shelter.

XIV. Public Comment.

Hudson Jordan-704 College Street stated that he was putting up a fence and needed to know the right of way setbacks. Also, he wanted to know if the ditch behind his house was included in the ditch mowing.

XV. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 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**