



# **TOWN OF VANCEBORO**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
January 9, 2023 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, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Russell Ipock, and Alderman Todd McMillen.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Ipock.
- 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 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment. **No public comments.**
- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Keys. **With the donation from the Caprara's, the department purchased a new computer. Julia Jenkins donated \$50 to the department. John Thurston donated an AR-15 to the department that will be used as a patrol rifle. C & D Canvas has moved out of building located at 210 NC Hwy 43. The owner, Sammy Hodges, stated that a sub contractor with FedEx will be using the building. We will be pre-selling tickets for a plate sale on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a bounce house for the kids and hopefully some live music. We will be selling raffle tickets next month. The prizes include: \$50 Kite's gift card, a 12 gauge pump shotgun and a fishing charter for 2 people. The winners will be picked on April 16<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the plate sale and the raffle will be used for National Night Out in August.**

- IX. Mayor's Reports. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Birthdays this month include our Public Works Director Vernon Edwards. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Emily Motley, Lunette Buck and Mr. Locklear. The Town Hall will be closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will be getting a projector and screen for the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom soon. I attended a check presentation at International Paper for Vanceboro Christian Help Center of \$5,000. It is great to see the progress that has been made at the Vanceboro Christian Help Center; it is operating better than it has in a while. The ditch mowing throughout Town has been completed. Coastal Dragline has removed the limbs from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All Star Lawn Care has completed the edging and curbing throughout Town. We received \$16,180 from the Powell Bill. The next recycling date is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be including some paving projects in the next budget cycle. Christmas decorations looked great this year, we will cut the zip ties and hopefully Duke Energy will fix the poles that weren't working this year. Prayers for the Town Clerk, Beverly Drake as she has knee replacement surgery on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Mayor Braxton asked the Alderman to consider changing the speed limits on our secondary roads throughout Town. The Alderman decided to table this discussion until a later date.**

- X. Alderman Reports.**

**Alderman McMillen stated that he spoke with Terry Morris and progress should resume with the picnic shelter soon.**

**Alderman Jones spoke with Tom Toler from the VFW. They will be hosting a Valentine's Banquet on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support the VFW and enjoy some time with your sweetheart.**

**Alderman Ipock asked if the Town had anything in place when a new business plans to come to Town. Mayor Braxton told him we do a business registration license at this time.**

**Alderman Belrose wished Beverly Drake good luck for the surgery and recovery.**

**Alderman Cannon wished Beverly Drake good luck for the surgery and recovery. I will be planting the trees from the stop light and place them at the Richard W. Bowers Park. Coastal Carolina Regional Airport will be renovating over the next two years.**

- XI. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:40 p.m.**

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

*Chad E. Braxton*

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CHAD E. BRAXTON  
MAYOR

*Beverly W. Drake*

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BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK