

January 12, 2009
Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

The Town Board of the Town of Savannah held its regular Town Board meeting on January 12th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were:

Kenneth Lauderdale	Supervisor
John Metcalf	Councilman
Carol Spellman	Councilman
Ted Fitch	Councilman
Julie VanLeeuwen	Councilman

Also present: Verizon Wireless Representatives-Steve Lenguard and Greg Nearpass, Town Attorney-David Mayer, Planning Board Chairman-Brian Secor, Fred Baker, Leon Gaklik, Leroy Hollier, Joseph Urwin, Sherri Fedele, Ruby Washburn, Victor Townsend, Michael Mumford, approximately 8-governmental students from the school, Highway Superintendent-Allen Sherman, Mark Fedele.

A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Councilman Metcalf seconded by Councilman Fitch-by roll: Councilman Fitch, Metcalf, Spellman, VanLeeuwen and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

Supervisor Lauderdale called an Executive Session to discuss issues with Town Attorney.

Executive Session – 7:10 p.m.

Out of Executive Session – 7:30 p.m.

Verizon Representatives Steve Lenguard and Greg Nearpass and the Town Attorney attended the meeting in the interest of the town board considering the adoption of resolutions pertaining to a cell tower. As all the necessary paperwork was not available for the town board to review such resolutions were tabled until the February 9th regular Town Board meeting.

As the Town Board adopted a resolution establishing a Zoning Commission Board and such board consists of ten members, a motion to appoint the following as members of the Zoning Commission Board with Brian Secor to act as Chairman to such board was made by Councilman Fitch seconded by Councilman VanLeeuwen-by roll: Councilman Metcalf, Spellman, VanLeeuwen, Fitch and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

Board of Zoning Commission:

Brian Secor – Chairman

Andrea Drahms

Leon Gaklik

Gerald Okie

Renee Paddock

Thomas Whitcomb

Fred Baker

Leroy Hollier

Scott Kolczynski

to be announced

As the Town Board needs to re-appoint a Chairman to the Planning Board a motion was made by Councilman Metcalf seconded by Councilman Fitch to re-appoint Brian Secor to serve as Chairman of the Planning Board for the 2009 year. By roll: Councilman VanLeeuwen, Metcalf, Fitch, Spellman and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

As the Town Board needs to appoint someone to represent the Town of Savannah at the County Planning Board a motion was made by Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman VanLeeuwen to re-appoint Leroy Hollier to represent the Town of Savannah at the Wayne County Planning Board meetings. By roll: Councilman Metcalf, VanLeeuwen, Spellman, Fitch and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

A motion to accept the Town Clerks/Tax Collectors Annual report for the year 2008 was made by Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman Metcalf. By roll: Councilman Metcalf, Spellman, VanLeeuwen, Fitch and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

The Town Justice books were presented for audit. After much discussion it was decided to table the board approval based on the recommendation of Auditor Lee Walter who will be reviewing the Justice books when he has completed the town books.

Supervisor Lauderdale gave a status report on the progress at the storage building project noting that we have spent approximately \$25,000.

Supervisor Lauderdale noted that the Town Attorney, himself and CEO, Don Camp met prior to the regular meeting to discuss property maintenance issues.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Spellman:

Resolution No. 8-2009

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Savannah designates the following individuals to prosecute cases involving enforcement of the Town Code:

Judge: L. Paul Kehoe
Attorneys: David F. Mayer
Michael P. Leone
Adam M. Clark

A motion to adopt the above resolution as written was made by Councilman Metcalf seconded by Councilman VanLeeuwen. By roll: Councilman VanLeeuwen, Spellman, Metcalf, Fitch and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

Michael Mumford attended the meeting in the interest of property maintenance issues regarding his neighboring property. Supervisor Lauderdale noted that he would need to file a complaint form with the CEO.

Mr. Mumford further noted that his water bill has doubled and he is paying more for water than in taxes. Supervisor Lauderdale noted that the town board held a public hearing on the increase in water rates and if he would like he could set up a time and he would review the spreadsheet explaining the financial status of the water revenues.

Highway Superintendent, Allen Sherman noted that the new storage building has a lot of condensation and suggests an increase in temperature or a ventilation system.

Supervisor Lauderdale noted that he nominated James Younglove to the County EMS Advisory Board. Board so noted and found not problem with nomination.

Councilman Spellman noted that there still is room on the bus for the Syracuse vs. Georgetown Game.

The following bills were presented for audit:

General Fund	Abst. #1	Claim #1-26	\$30,789.87
Highway Fund	Abst. #1	Claim #1-172	\$22,610.59
Water District	Abst. #1	Claim #1-13	\$ 8,417.20
Sewer District 1	Abst. #1	Claim #1-3	\$ 133.14
Sewer District 2	Abst. #1	Claim #1-3	\$ 263.88
Sewer District 3	Abst. #1	Claim #1-2	\$ 133.14
Sav. Lighting	Abst. #1	Claim #1	\$ 883.89
So. Butler Lighting	Abst. #1	Claim #1	\$ 53.68

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Councilman Fitch seconded by Councilman Metcalf. By roll: Councilman Spellman, VanLeeuwen, Metcalf, Fitch and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman Metcalf to discuss personnel issues. By roll: Councilman Metcalf, Fitch, Spellman, VanLeeuwen and Supervisor Lauderdale “aye” motion carried.

Executive session – 8:00 p.m.

Out of Executive Session – 8:30 p.m.

After much discussion it was decided that better clarification needs to be addressed between winter seasonal employees and summer seasonal employees verses our current title of seasonal employee. It was decided that winter seasonal employee's responsibility consists of snowplow operation and other duties that pertain to snow removal. Summer employees would consist of mowing, cemetery maintenance and other duties so designated by the supervisory personnel. Seasonal pay rate's will be determined upon hire and based on qualifications and experience.

As all business was complete a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Spellman seconded by Councilman Fitch. By roll: Councilman Metcalf, VanLeeuwen, Fitch, Spellman and Supervisor Lauderdale "aye" motion carried.

Julie Carey-Town Clerk