

**A Joint Meeting between the Boydton Planning Commission and the Boydton Town Council, along with a Public Hearing took place on Tuesday, May 09, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Christopher D. Starke presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**Christopher D. Starke, Mayor  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
W. H. Coleman  
Bill Thompson  
David M. Crowder  
Paul “Ray” Cherry  
Mr. Ronny Worley  
Chief Nathan Bowen  
Rhita M. Burton, Deputy Clerk  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer**

**GUESTS**

**R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator  
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor  
Ron & Karen Sciamacco  
Jim Walters, Rails-to-Trails  
Wayne Carter  
Gerald Hooton, B & B Consultants  
Derrick Bowers**

**Mayor Chris Starke, welcomed everyone for their attendance and called the meeting to order. He began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an invocation.**

**The Mayor stated the Boydton Planning Commission and the Boydton Town Council were meeting to hold a joint public hearing to consider an application made by Mecklenburg County to rezone property located at 37 Jones Street from Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C-1) in order to turn that property into a parking lot. And to also consider an application made by TOB, LLC to rezone property from Commercial (C-1) to Residential (R-1) located at 372 Madison Street on the right side of Monroe Street, and between Jefferson and Madison Streets (formerly Melody Manor) to be used for single family housing. He then turned the meeting over to the Planning Commission in order for them to converse between the members regarding these two (2) applications. After a brief discussion among the planning commission members, the floor was opened for public comments. Mr. Wayne Carter, Mecklenburg County Administrator, provided some information regarding this application and the use it was intended for by rezoning this property. No other comments were made regarding either of these applications. The Mayor then declared the Public Hearing closed.**

**The meeting was reconvened into open session, where Dr. Dave Eason, Chairman of the Planning Commission, made a recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Town Council to approve the County’s request to rezone this property from Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C-1) for a parking lot. Dr. Eason, also, made a recommendation from the Planning Commission to grant the request from TOB, LLC to rezone this property from Commercial (C-1) to Residential (R-1) to allow single family housing located there. Councilman Ronny C. Worley moved to approve the County’s request to rezone this property with Councilman W. H. Coleman, seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approve TOB, LLC’s request to rezone this property with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding his motion. All members voted in favor, with the exception of Councilman W. H. Coleman, who abstained.**

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was opened by Mayor Starke. The Mayor introduced Mr. Gerald Hooton, representative from B & B Consultants, regarding a request to the town council to approve a proposed 0.61 acres right-of-way (known as "ROW Dedication" to VDOT) as shown on the plans, drawings, aerial views, and maps provided to the council by Mr. Hooton. This dedication, he said, would be to extend Hull Street and it would also include road improvements per VDOT standards. This property is owned by the town, as it's the access parcel to the WWTP. Mr. Hooton also advised he was working with Mr. Lloyd King who would be building a number of apartments behind Virginia Homes and in doing so, he was requesting the town to allow this road easement as a way to enter Mr. King's property. The County advised him he'd have to acquire a letter of approval or some other documentation from the council and the mayor in order to have the right-of-way dedicated to VDOT to have them maintain the road. Even though the property is located in the County, Hull Street belongs to the town, which is the area being considered. Discussion ensued, with many comments made regarding VDOT already owning the streets and sidewalks in town. Mr. Hooton advised he was only asking for the council's approval, in the form of a letter, to the County indicating the town's approval to dedicate this 0.61 acre right-of-way to VDOT for maintaining the road. The Mayor suggested we do the letter of favor by ensuring all processes of procedures by the VA Code are met and a final decision and approval be made at the next council meeting. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to follow the mayor's suggestion, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor. This was acceptable to Mr. Hooton, as well.

Mayor Starke introduced Mr. Jimmy Walters, the town's representative on the Tobacco Heritage Trails board to update the council on the progress that's been made on all the regions of the trail. He passed out handouts showing the plans and extensions of the trail and explained the continued routes that will be taken from Boydton to Rudd's Creek and on to Clarksville. He stated they'd have to acquire two (2) other right-of-ways in order to continue the trails, along with much more information and costs involved to go forward with extensions of the trail. After more explanation, questions from the council and answers by Mr. Walters, the council thanked him for his work and dedication to the Rails-to-Trails.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve two sets of minutes from the April 18, 2023, "Called Meeting" and the regular meeting and asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions. Vice Mayor Gill moved to approve the two (2) sets of minutes as submitted, with Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

Mayor Starke asked for a motion to approve the May 2023 bills, as provided in the council packets, if there were no questions or concerns. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Chief Bowen gave his monthly, April 14, 2023, through May 3, 2023, activity report. He reported he had five (5) calls for service, two (2) traffic stops, with one (1) of those being a citation. There were no other questions or concerns from the council to Chief Bowen.

The Mayor advised he needed a motion from the council to re-adopt the annual motor vehicle Code, Title 46.2 and Article 18.2-266-18.2-273 as amended and requested from the Commonwealth Attorney's office. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to re-adopt this Code as requested. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to second the motion and all members voted in favor. The mayor stated he and Shirley, the Clerk of Council, would have this signed and returned to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office.

Mayor Starke requested Mr. R. H. Park's public works report from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. R. H. Park III reported the following:

- 1.) Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for April 2023, was 1,058,000 gallons of water purchased from the RRSA and the DMR was satisfactory.
- 2.) The lift station at the LVL site on Ridge Road and the plant upgrade at the WWTP have been progressing on schedule with no problems. Mr. Park III stated Microsoft will be paying for the maintenance fee on this lift station, as well as, all the other lift stations. This will be up and beyond their regular sewage bill and would be billed monthly.
- 3.) Councilman Ronny Worley asked what would happen if the lift station would fail. Mr. Park III responded by saying Microsoft would be responsible.

Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, was not in attendance for tonight's meeting as Mayor Starke reported.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Councilman W. H. Coleman stated he had been requested by the fire department to ask if the town would consider paying for a new deck gun costing approximately \$3, 862.00 for the new fire truck recently acquired. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to pay the cost of a new deck gun with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All other members voted unanimously. Councilman Coleman expressed his appreciation on behalf of the fire department with Mayor Starke commenting on how grateful we are to the fire department for all they do each and every day.

Mayor Starke recognized our guest, Derrick Bowers, for his attendance at the meeting. Mr. Bowers advised he was there on behalf of Ms. Teresa Good who was handling the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and he was also in charge of a basketball game for those 45 years of age and older, since he was interested in sources to give back to the community. He invited anyone interested, to contact him.

The Mayor proceeded with his Mayor's comments. He stated we'd talked about hiring a person to handle or help with our website at the last meeting; however, Jane Clark wasn't contacted due to a possible conflict with her job, and the other source we'd discussed, was higher than the council felt it should be. Mr. Nathan White (who'd previously helped the town with our website) had been contacted by Mrs. Bowen and he proposed an offer to help the town out again as in the past. His approximate initial cost would be around \$1500.00 and around \$900 per year to clean up the information on the website, add new items, and help with

teaching the staff how to do this for immediate needs. Mrs. Bowen informed the council he'd already changed multiple things on the website per her request and has it pretty much up-to-date. The Mayor asked if this was something the council would accept and vote on at this time. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to hire Mr. White for this service to the town, and Mr. David M. Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to adjourn the meeting, with Councilman W. H. Coleman seconding the motion. All members voted in favor. The adjournment time was recorded at: 8:45 P.M.

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**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council & Treasurer**  
**May 09, 2023**

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**Christopher D. Starke**  
**Mayor**