

TOWN OF COLUMBIA BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 2014

The Board of Aldermen of the town of Columbia met in Recessed Session at 7:PM, Monday, June 17, 2024 in the meeting room of the Columbia Municipal Building, 103 Main Street. Aldermen attending were: Lloyd Armstrong, Sandra Owens, Lynda Mastronardo and Bryan Owens. Mayor James W. Cahoon presided.

Mayor Cahoon called the meeting to order and asked Finance Officer Monica Mauffray to explain the two sets of Budget Amendments to be considered. She explained the reasons for the \$26,050.00 General Fund budget amendment, noting that these year-end amendments balance the 2023-024 budget. Upon motion of Alderman Armstrong and unanimous vote the General Fund Budget was amended in the amount of \$26,050.00.

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Ms. Mauffray then explained the reasons for the Water/Sewer Budgets in the amount of \$42,575.00. Upon motion of Alderman S. Owens, and unanimous vote, the \$42,575.00 budget amendment was approved.

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Mayor Cahoon reminded the Board that the July meeting will be held on Monday, July 8th, at 7:PM. He said it will be a busy meeting. He also thanked Alderman Armstrong for his tenure since his resignation is effective June 30, 2024, this meeting being his last.

Mayor Cahoon reported on the meeting with Mike Crowder concerning the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery. He said another meeting is scheduled June 24th to discuss the status of the Friends group. He said the Friends is believed to have about \$ 34,000 earmarked for cemetery maintenance. The Town has been paying the Cemetery bills for the past three years, but suspended the contribution from the Town to the Friends when the Friends ended meetings and service.

Mayor Cahoon also called attention to the resignation of T.J. Davenport from the Water/Sewer Department, explaining that although the Town included a 3% raise in next year's budget, the Towns salary scale has not kept up with the Tyrrell County pay scale. He recommended that consideration be given to a salary adjustment for the town employees that would bring town employees in line with county employees.

Mayor Cahoon suggested the funds for such an adjustment could come from a base rate increase in the water or sewer charges and may cost the public as little as \$3.00 monthly. He said an alternative might be to allocate part of the increased interest income earned by the town to salary adjustments.

Discussion followed with the Board by consent directing the Manager and Fiscal Officer to investigate the town's salaries and recommending adjustments.

Alderman Armstrong asked who would fill the position on the TVFD board following his resignation as an Alderman.

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BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 TOWN OF COLUMBIA BUDGET

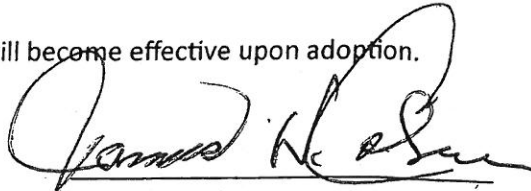
WHEREAS, the following resolution is introduced to amend the 2024 General Fund Budget of the Town of Columbia in order to adjust departments for unanticipated expenses,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Columbia Board of Aldermen that the following line items are amended as follows:

INCREASE:	General Fund Revenues	
	Fund Balance Appropriated, # 10-392-0000	\$26,050.00
INCREASE:	General Fund Expenditures	
	Derelict Building Demo, # 10-410-0100	\$ 4,800.00
	Postage/Phone, # 10-410-1400	\$ 1,000.00
	Scuppernong River Festival, # 10-410-3400	\$ 5,000.00
	State DMV Collections, # 10-410-4401	\$ 200.00
	Cemetery, # 10-420-3300	\$ 6,350.00
	Street Supplies, # 10-440-3200	\$ 2,500.00
	Park/Drainage, # 10-460-0000	<u>\$ 6,200.00</u>
		\$ 26,050.00

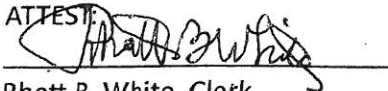
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment will become effective upon adoption.

This the 17th day of June, 2024.



James W. Cahoon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhett B. White, Clerk