



TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting

Town Hall

March 22, 2011

6:00 p.m.

At 6:02 p.m. at the Town Hall, Mayor Dora Sullivan, having established a quorum, called to order the Special Meeting of Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Sullivan and Veber and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Evans arrived at 6:05 p.m. and Councilman Bennett arrived at 6:09 p.m. Also present were Town Manager Heather Arcos, Treasurer JoAnna Leatherwood, Harbor Master Smitty Dize and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Sullivan announced the business for the evening would be to discuss: A. Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital; B. Award Change Order on the Harbor Redevelopment Project; and C. Employee Health and Dental Insurance.

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital

Town Manager Heather Arcos stated that the County had asked for the Town's support regarding this issue advocating a comprehensive medical plan to cover both counties and added that Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's Certificate of Public Need (COPN) application stated that there was no need for emergency medical services in Northampton County. A letter had been drafted, to be signed by the Mayor, and would accompany the Resolution being adopted this evening.

Vice Mayor Bannon asked whether Bay Creek was aware of this information. Councilman Sullivan stated that Mr. Oral Lambert was the Economic Development Director for the Chamber of Commerce and was the spokesperson for the Chamber in opposition to this COPN. Vice Mayor Bannon stated that when people move to the area, they wanted good medical services available. Mayor Sullivan requested that this information be forwarded to Bayshore Concrete as well.

Motion made by Councilman Veber, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, to adopt the resolution to support the County in this endeavor to keep medical services in the County.

Mayor Sullivan moved for adoption of Resolution #20110322 – In Opposition to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's Certificate of Public Need #7820. Resolution #20110322 was adopted by unanimous vote. Roll call vote: Bannon, yes; Evans, yes; Natali, yes; Sullivan, yes; Veber, yes.

Award Change Order on Harbor Redevelopment Project

Heather Arcos informed the Council that Change Order 1 had been received from Somerset Paving & Marine to install a new water main and conduit for broadband services. A quote was also received from JCB Construction, who was working on the Mason Avenue Forcemain and Pump Station Upgrade Project, but Somerset Paving's pricing came in lower with a price of \$278,509.23. Heather Arcos added that this amount was less than the

estimate in the original bid request. Harbor Master Smitty Dize stated that the new water line would supply water to the fire hydrants, docks, and the future restaurant, bath house, Harbor Master's office, etc. Some of the cost would be reimbursed through the Broadband Grant.

Motion made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Natali, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Changer Order from Somerset Paving & Marine in the amount of \$278,509.23 for the new water line and conduit at the Harbor. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Employee Health and Dental Insurance

Heather Arcos states that the premiums for the Town's Employee Hospitalization and Dental Coverage Plan were increasing effective April 1st. The increased cost per employee was \$112.44 which equated to \$9.37 per month. Heather Arcos recommended that the Town pay the increased cost in its entirety. Employees on the Keycare 15 plan would continue to pay \$40.95 per month and employees on the Keycare 10 plan would pay \$158.79 per month. Treasurer JoAnna Leatherwood added that the cost increase was covered in this year's remaining budget.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilwoman Natali, to approve the Town paying the increased premiums with employees under the Keycare 15 and 10 plans paying the difference as discussed. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Councilman Bennett stated, for the record, that he would have voted in favor of adopting Resolution 20110322 – In Opposition to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's Certificate of Public Need #7820.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Veber to adjourn the Town Council Special Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Sullivan

Town Clerk