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TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tempore W. Paul Henkel presiding.

Councilmembers Present: George W. Harris; W. Paul Henkel; Edward R. Nau; Jerry R. Oxsher

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Teross Young, Jr.; Felina L. Harris;

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Jessica Davidson; Lynne Hair, Planning Director; Justin Mundy, Finance Director; Emily Watson, Parks & Rec. Director; Josh Watson, Police Chief; Adam Lippard, Public Works Director; Lou Borek, Human Resources Director; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney; Michael Barker, IT

Press Present: Debbie Page, Iredell Free News

I. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE W. PAUL HENKEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

MAYOR PRO TEM HENKEL WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION – Josh Watson, Police Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved the July 13, 2023 Town Council meeting agenda as presented.

II. CONSENT AGENDA: *Consent Agenda Items are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor or a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item under New Business.*

- 1. Approval of Agenda Briefing Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023**
- 2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 08, 2023**
- 3. Approval to Amend the Town of Troutman Schedule of Fees**
- 4. Approval of Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Mooresville, The Town of Davidson, The Town of Troutman, The City of Statesville, and the County of Iredell Creating the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission**
- 5. Approval to Adopt Resolution 17-23 Titled: “Resolution By The Town Council Of The Town Of Troutman Accepting American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Funding For The Clay Pipe Sewer System Inventory & Assessment Project (Project No. AIA-W-ARP-0105)”**

6. **Approval to Adopt Resolution 18-23 Titled: “Resolution Recognizing The Distinguished Service And Retirement Of Randy A. Galliher”**
7. **Annexation Request AX-23-05 (Contiguous)**, Applicant: Sterling Properties of Mooresville LLC; 49.54 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741014288
 - a. Adoption of Resolution 19-23 Titled: “Resolution Directing The Clerk To Investigate A Petition Received Under Article 4A of G.S. 160A”
 - b. Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency
 - c. Adoption of Resolution 20-23 Titled: “Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing On Question of Contiguous Annexation Pursuant to Article 4A Of G.S. 160A” **(Setting Public Hearing Date of August 10, 2023)**
8. **Annexation Request AX-23-06 (Contiguous)**, Applicant: Barium Springs Home for Children; portion of PIN(s) 4732959334; 75.597 (+/-) acres
 - a. Adoption of Resolution 21-23 Titled: “Resolution Directing The Clerk To Investigate A Petition Received Under Article 4A of G.S. 160A”
 - b. Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency
 - c. Adoption of Resolution 22-23 Titled: “Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing On Question of Contiguous Annexation Pursuant to Article 4A Of G.S. 160A” **(Setting Public Hearing Date of August 10, 2023)**
9. **Set Public Hearing Date of August 10, 2023 for the Annexation Boundary Agreement between the Town of Troutman and City of Statesville**

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Oxsher, and unanimously carried, Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

(Copied in full, Res. 17-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 60)

(Copied in full, Res. 18-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 61)

(Copied in full, Res. 19-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 62)

(Copied in full, Res. 20-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 63)

(Copied in full, Res. 21-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 64)

(Copied in full, Res. 22-23, in filed in Resolution Book IV, Pages 65)

(Copied in full, Resolutions 17-23 thru 22-23, is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” dated July 10th and 13th, 2023 in CD Book #1 Titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” along with amended Fee Schedule, 2nd amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, and Supporting Documentation for AX-23-05 and AX-23-06)

III. RECOGNITION(S)/PRESENTATION(S):

10. Recognition of Emily Watson as “Town of Troutman Employee of the Month”, (Ron Wyatt, Town Manager)

Manager Wyatt recognized Emily Watson, Parks and Rec. Director as the Town of Troutman “Employee of the Month” for June stating that until recently the Parks and Rec. Department has been a one-person full-time department. For the month of June, there were four major events that she and one other full-time staff member, along with volunteers successfully handled. He commented that Ms. Watson has a recipe book and following each event she is quick to evaluate the successes of the event and what can be done to make it even better the next time. Ms. Watson takes great pride in rallying all employees to assist in various roles to make sure the event runs smoothly. Manager Wyatt commented that Ms. Watson is not a person that wants to be recognized for the service she provides. When people come to Town events she wants them to know what Troutman is about, the professionalism of staff, and what we have to offer here. He shared that for many years the department has lacked

funding and resources, and as the department accrues those, he is amazed at the number of activities performed as compared to the budgets of other municipalities. Ms. Watson was presented with a Certificate of Recognition followed by a congratulatory handshake from Council members.

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11. Recognition of Service and Retirement of Randy Austin Galliher-Public Works Water Technician

Randy Galliher, who was not present for the recognition called during the meeting, stating he was detained out of the County. He apologized for not being able to make it in person and thanked Council for the recognition. Manager Wyatt read aloud Resolution 18-23 that was to be presented to Mr. Galliher in recognition of his retirement and appreciation of his service and dedication to the Town of Troutman and its Citizens during the past 23 years of service.

Adam Lippard, Director of Public Works congratulated Mr. Galliher on his retirement stating that the department will miss him, but is excited about his new journey. He thanked him for his years of knowledge and experience stating that he could always count on him and that the Town will be lucky to find someone to fill the void left by so many years in the industry. In his 23 years with the Town, Randy has positively impacted the Public Works Department and the entire Town. Mr. Lippard concluded by wishing Mr. Galliher the best in his retirement and future endeavors and hopes that he can enjoy time hunting, fishing, playing pool, and enjoying his family stating "Job well done Sir."

In recognition of his retirement, Manager Wyatt stated that Mr. Galliher was to be presented with a rocking chair from Troutman Chair Company. A plaque was engraved and put on the chair in honor of his years of service. He expressed appreciation to Troutman Chair for helping the Town provide this retirement gift to Mr. Galliher.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel expressed congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Galliher on his retirement asking that Manager Wyatt express their appreciation. Manager Wyatt commented for the record that Mr. Galliher's position has a certain set of certifications and skill set and even though he is retired, the Town will be using his services going forward.

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IV. STANDING QUARTERLY REPORT(S):

12. ABC Store, (Layton Getsinger, ABC Board Chairman)

Layton Getsinger, ABC Board Chairman presented the following report on behalf of the Troutman ABC Board and General Manager Evelyn Walls. He thanked Council for the opportunity to update them on the ABC Store's performance for the end of the 4th Quarter as well the end of Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Store's annual audit is expected to take place at the end of the month. It will be mid to late August before they know the results. A copy of the results and a report will be provided to the Town at the next quarterly briefing.

HIGHLIGHTS for 4th Quarter:

- The 4th Quarter saw a continuation of the increase in sales as were experienced in the first 3 Quarters of the year.

- Sales as follows:
 - April: \$252,246 - 1% increase
 - May: \$276,076 - 8% increase
 - June: \$296,309 - 23% increase
- Up 10% over last year's 4th Quarter.
- 4th Quarter sales were \$824,631 compared to last year's 4th Quarter of \$746,723 for a \$77,909 increase.
- Distributions for 4th Quarter
 - Town of Troutman and its Recipients: \$23,262
 - Law Enforcement: \$3,993
 - Alcohol and Drug Education (DACI): \$5,590
- 4th Quarter Net Profit
 - \$71,131 this year, versus
 - \$58,106 last year
 - \$13,025 Increase quarter over quarter of 22%

Quarterly and 12 Months RECAP and Forecast

- Budgeted Revenue for 2022-2023 was: \$2,800,000
- Revenues for 1st Quarter: \$753,737. - 27% of Budget
- Revenues for 2nd Quarter: \$930,774. - 33% of Budget
- Revenues for 3rd Quarter: \$698,523. - 25% of Budget
- Revenues for 4th Quarter: \$824,631. - 29% of Budget
- For the year, the store's sales were: \$3,207,666, which is \$407,666 or 15% above Budgeted Revenue. This equates to an average of \$10,347 per selling day, and there were 310 selling days in the Fiscal Year.
- Distribution for FY 2022-2023 were:
 - Town and Entities \$90,830
 - Alcohol/Education \$20,537
 - Law Enforcement \$14,669
 - Total Distributions: \$126,036
- Budgeted profit after distributions: \$88,032. An allowance of \$25,000 in admin costs was made for the new store. That expense did not happen.
- Net profit after distributions was \$260,517 or \$172,485 over budgeted profit. Profits were 8% of Net Sales.
- Retained Working Capital is \$589,368 (against a max allowed of \$589,368).
- There was \$138,604 in the Specific Capital Project Fund for the 2nd store at the end of June. Those numbers changed this morning due to the board voting last night to pay off the note on the current store. The balance of \$457,414 was paid off this morning. That leaves \$160,000 in savings and a Working Capital of \$297,628 The original note was for 7 years and was due to be refinanced or paid off by July 28th. The Board determined that between the projected new rate from 6.75% to 6.91% and what can be made in savings, there is a nearly 4% point spread. Our expiring rate was 3.47%. Therefore, paying off this store will allow the Board to go into the second store debt free
- Since opening, 6 ½ years ago, the store has experienced \$14,640,706 in net sales (less sales tax).
- Distributions since opening in December 2016 are as follows:
 - Town of Troutman/Entities \$332,051
 - Alcohol Education/Rehab \$74,768
 - Law Enforcement \$53,406

Total Distributions: \$460,225

- The store has earned a Net Profit of \$1,038,940 after distributions since opening which is 7% of sales. Profits have been used for:
 - Adding 2,000 SF to current store: \$205,000
 - Purchased land (7.9 acres) for 2nd store: \$279,000
 - Paid off note on 1st store: \$457,414
 - Total: \$941,414

Mr. Getsinger stated that as they have gone through this period of non-profit profitability. They feel blessed that things went differently in having the success they have had; and he is looking forward to getting the second store at some point in the not-so-distant future. Plans will have to be drawn along with approval of the ABC Board Commission, and annexation and rezoning of the property will need to take place. He closed by stating that the Troutman store is at full staff at the moment, but does foresee the need for a part-time administrative assistant sometime in the coming year.

Councilmember Eddie Nau congratulated him on paying off the mortgage and it is great seeing him tonight in person. Councilmember George Harris dittoed Councilmember Nau's remarks. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel commented that he is glad that the times General Manager Wells has attended she reported positive news. Mr. Getsinger stated that Ms. Wells is the reason things have gone as well as they have for the store. Everyone loves her and she loves everyone; she is the reason the employees want to be there.

V. NEW BUSINESS

13. Approval of Request by South Iredell High School - Road Closure for Homecoming Parade, (*South Iredell High School*)

In the absence of South Iredell High School (SIHS), Manager Wyatt presented their request to close Eastway Drive to hold the SIHS Homecoming Parade on September 5th, at 6:30 pm. As required by the Town, the request was received more than 30 days prior to the event. Parade route: beginning at Troutman ESC Park onto Eastway Drive to the Career Academy Technical School (CATS). Both the Parks & Rec. Director and Police Chief commented they were good with the request.

Upon motion by Councilmember Eddie Nau, seconded by Councilmember George Harris, and unanimously carried, request from SIHS to close Eastway Drive for a Homecoming Parade was approved.

14. Annexation Request AX-23-04 (Non-Contiguous), Applicant: Piedmont Landco: 40.439(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4750-03-9924, 4750-04-8098, 4750-04-9215, 4750-03-7946, 4750-03-4863, 4750-03-1554, 4740-93-8470, 4750-03-2267, 4750-03-5271, 4750-03-0048, 4750-02-2928, 4750-02-1706, 4750-02-8954, 4750-02-3822, 4750-02-2750, 4750-02-2529, 4750-02-4696, 4750-13-0875, 4750-03-6051, 4750-04-8395, 4750-02-0921, (*Lynne Hair, Planning Director*)

a. Call for a Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel Opened the Public Hearing

Planning Director Lynne Hair presented the request on behalf of the applicant, Piedmont Landco, LLC stating the request is for 21 parcel properties located on the north side of Hwy. 21, south of Exit 42 and is non-contiguous. It is approximately 40.439 (+/-) acres. The property is currently zoned Iredell County Residential Agricultural (RA)

and Iredell County Highway Business-Conditional Use District (HBCUD). There is a rezoning request that Council will hear if this annexation is approved.

There were no comments from the Public.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel Closed the Public Hearing

(Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet is filed with these minutes)

b. Consider Approval of Ordinance 19-23 Titled: “An Ordinance To Extend The Corporate Limits of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”

Councilmember George Harris commented that he thinks the request is fitting for what Council is looking for at Exit 42. In an effort to clarify a question by Councilmember Jerry Oxsher regarding the request being non-contiguous, Ms. Hair explained that although the surrounding properties have been annexed by the Town and are in Town limits and this fills in the gap; the request is considered non-contiguous by state statute because it is not contiguous to the Town’s main boundaries. Councilmember Eddie Nau stated that this is just cleaning up the area and pulling all pieces together. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel commented that he looks forward to seeing the development of the area that is proposing medical service, food service, retail, etc.

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Oxsher, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 19-23 Titled: “An Ordinance To Extend The Corporate Limits of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina (Non-Contiguous)”

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15. Rezoning Request RZ-23-02; Applicant: Piedmont Landco; 40.439(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4750-03-9924, 4750-04-8098, 4750-04-9215, 4750-03-7946, 4750-03-4863, 4750-03-1554, 4740-93-8470, 4750-03-2267, 4750-03-5271, 4750-03-0048, 4750-02-2928, 4750-02-1706, 4750-02-8954, 4750-02-3822, 4750-02-2750, 4750-02-2529, 4750-02-4696, 4750-13-0875, 4750-03-6051, 4750-04-8395, 4750-02-0921 from Iredell County HBCUD (Highway Business Conditional District) and RA (Residential Agriculture) to Town of Troutman HB (Highway Business), *(Hair)*

a. Call for a Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel Opened the Public Hearing

Planning Director Lynne Hair stated that this request is the zoning portion of the annexation that was just approved. The applicant is Piedmont Landco, LLC who is representing multiple owners in this request. The request is to rezone properties (40.439 +/-) acres from Iredell County HBCUD (Highway Business Conditional District) and RA (Residential Agriculture) to Town of Troutman HB (Highway Business). This is a traditional rezoning, therefore there is no site plan or concept plan required as part of this request. In a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Hair presented an aerial view/map of the property along with a current zoning map that shows there are HB uses already in the area. The Future Land Use Map shows the property as Interchange Commercial which fits with other uses in the area. She stated that this is a by-right zoning so there is no concept plan attached and all uses and development standards established by the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) will have to be met. She informed Council that the properties will have to be given a Town of Troutman zoning destination due to the approved annexation request. Ms. Hair stated that the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the

request. Staff also recommends approval due to the site's close proximity to Exit 42, which lends itself to Highway Business uses and zoning; and that recent rezoning's of nearby properties to Light Industrial (LI) and HB support the requested change. She reminded Council that with all rezoning's State Statutes require a Statement of Consistency be made by Council.

Applicant Howard Bryan addressed the Council stating that the requested rezoning does not change anything much on this property; it is already zoned for the most part HB by Iredell County but Iredell County does not have water and sewer capacity and Troutman does. He stated that a lot of money has been spent over the years to make this investment pay off. Mr. Bryan commended the Town and its Staff are great to work with. He shared that there is not a specific plan for the properties but they are working on some ideas. There are 6 owners of the properties and they have been working together for more than 20 years in assembling them. Councilmember Jerry Oxsher asked about the parcel directly behind Lowes. Mr. Bryan responded that the property in question is owned by Lowes and is still in the County.

On a different subject, Mr. Bryan stated that over the years he has tried to get the US Postal Service to put a blue mailbox in the parking lot in front of Lowes for the purpose of convenience. There are 30-40 thousand vehicles that travel by Lowes every day and there is only one mailbox in Troutman, other than the Post Office itself, and the one box in Barium Springs. Statesville has 23 boxes, Mooresville has 17, and Harmony has 2. Mayor Pro Henkel commented that the previous Town Manager attempted to get a 2nd box, but the Post Office showed no interest stating that perhaps the Town's current Town Manager and Council can help.

There were no comments from the Public.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel Closed the Public Hearing

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Councilmember George Harris commented that when he was on the Planning and Zoning Board years ago the Town's vision was for Highway Business and growth at Exit 42, but to get to that vision there had to be more rooftops. It is good to know that the Town is on the right path and is starting to see good things for the community.

b. Approval of Ordinance 20-23 Titled: "An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After-Described Property From Iredell County HBCUD (Highway Business Conditional District) And RA (Residential Agriculture) To Town of Troutman HB (Highway Business)"

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Jerry Oxsher, and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance 20-23 Titled: "*An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After-Described Property From Iredell County HBCUD (Highway Business Conditional District) And RA (Residential Agriculture) To Town of Troutman HB (Highway Business)*"

c. Approval of Statement of Consistency

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved that Rezoning to Highway Business is consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Map, and with the current land use pattern of the area. The request is consistent with the currently-adopted Unified Development Ordinance. The request is reasonable and in the public interest as it proposes to allow commercial development in areas of Troutman where it is appropriate

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Town Council with comments or concerns. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Speakers are required to sign in at the podium and are required to adhere to Town Policy #51 Titled: "Policy Governing Comments from the Public at Town Meetings"

- Ms. Susan O'Malley, owner of "Your Coffee Shop" located across Main Street addressed the Council with a request that Council re-consider the ordinance regarding Feathered Flags. She stated that they follow the rules and try to be good business partners. She stated that the Town does not allow banners or signs on the building so they have no way to advertise. They need another way to advertise. It negatively impacts businesses when they cannot put a sign on their own property. She stated that she does not understand the ordinance and how it is written. She suggested maybe the Town have a discussion with other businesses affected by the ordinance and allow businesses the flags or something to assist with advertising.
- Ms. Michelle Woldman addressed Council expressing concerns regarding traffic in Town and how it backs up directly in front of the Fire Department stating the more the Town grows the more congested it will get and the harder it will be for the fire trucks to get out when they need to get out; that there needs to be a solution. Ms. Woldman also spoke in regard to the school crossing signs in the middle of the road on Wagner Street stating that the Town has to keep replacing them; there needs to be another option. Utility trucks and school buses cannot make the turn at those intersections and it is a waste of money to continue to replace them. Thirdly, Ms. Woldman stated that she would like to see the Town of Troutman's budget.

In reference to the Town budget, Mayor Pro Tem Henkel addressed Ms. Woldman stating that she could contact the Town Manager of the Finance Director to discuss the budget. He stated that Council just passed this year's budget which by state statutes has to be passed before July 1st. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel stated that the school crossing has been brought to Council's attention and feel free to talk to the Town Manager concerning that as well. He also addressed Ms. O'Malley's request regarding feathered flags, stating that he hears her situation and that Council will discuss it with the Planning Director and Town Manager.

VII. ELECTED / OFFICIALS / STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Elected Reports and Comments

Councilmember George Harris

- Explained that his house is for sale but he is not moving out of Troutman town limits. He and his wife are moving to a new house in the Enclave at Falls Cove.
- Announced that he has filed for re-election and hopes he will be serving another 4 years.
- Stated that the ABC Store report was another great report showing how well the business has done.
- Congratulated Ms. Watson on receiving the Employee of the Month award commenting that she is well appreciated and that it was well deserved.

Councilmember Eddie Nau

- Thanked all that was involved with the 4th of July Parade commenting that it was an outstanding event. It was great to have Ms. Mary Starks, Citizen of the Year and Food Lion, Organization of the Year participate. It was also great to see everyone come out.

Councilmember Jerry Oxsher

- Commented that it has been a good summer so far with the 4th of July Parade and Party in the Park stating that they were both great events. It is good to see both of these back in full swing commenting that it is one of the reasons he moved here.
- Happy that Ms. Watson was recognized and he would like to recognize the whole staff who help put on these events. They all do a great job. He announced that another Party in the Park is coming up soon (July 21st), followed by National Night Out (NNO).

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel

- Thanked Town Staff and Ms. Watson for all they do
- Expressed appreciation to Randy Galliher for his service to the Town of Troutman and is glad to hear that he will be back part-time.
- Commented that he is looking forward to the upcoming Town events.

Staff Reports and Comments:**Adam Lippard, Public Works Director**

- Reported that KRG Utility is in the process of flushing and camera work on the Town's sewer system. Once the data is received the Town will have a good idea as to where the system stands.
- Stated that the department is working hard in mowing the right-of-ways; keeping them in compliance and working to get them to a higher standard.
- Commented that the jetter is being put to good use; it is a great piece of equipment.

Emily Watson, Park & Rec. Director

- Thanked everyone for the kind words and the Manager is right she does not like recognition for herself because it is not her. The Town has a strong leadership team and a strong Parks & Rec team and she appreciates his leadership and support for staff.
- Announced upcoming programs events:
 - Basketball Camp at SIHS for the next 2 weeks for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Baseball Camp will be held the 1st week in August, both led by the SIHS Baseball Coaching Staff. Ms. Watson expressed thanks for the partnership the Town has with SIHS with those 2 camps.
 - Pickleball has been going on since March and ends in July. Each class is sold out from beginner's class to intermediate classes.
 - July 19th – Girl Scout Project-Installation of the Pet Pantry.
 - July 21st – Last Party in the Park – 6 pm.
 - August 8th – SIHS Community Pep Rally in the Park - Kickoff for all Fall Sports.
- Stated that on August 7th – Renovations on the Volleyball Courts will begin. Sponsored by Lowes Hardware.
- Updated Council of the Bermuda grass project commenting that the fields are looking great, additional fertilizer was added this week.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel asked Ms. Watson if she would elaborate on what Lowes is doing on the volleyball field. Ms. Watson deferred the question to Town Manager Wyatt, who secured the sponsorship. Manager Wyatt explained that Lowes Exec. VP, Joe McFarland reached out after overhearing a conversation regarding the ballfields asking what the Town needs. After explaining that the volleyball courts need up-fitting, Mr. McFarland reached out to various vendors for turf, sand, etc. and it will be a six-part project and it will be featured nationally.

He stated that the Town is very thankful for Lowes and their partners decided to make Troutman one of their projects and for giving back to the community.

Justin Mundy, Finance Director

- Stated that the Pass Port Office is going strong and they hope to be at the new permanent location soon. The ladies continue to learn and are doing a great job. One of those ladies, Jessica Davidson is here tonight shadowing Kim Davis (Town Clerk) to be her backup. Tania Trent is over Pass Ports and is doing a great job stating that he is thankful to have such a great staff.
- Shared that he is working on closing out the fiscal year 2022/2023 and getting all reports out to the auditors. The auditing firm has provided a list of approximately 120 items needed from the auditors which will be time-consuming for the next month or so. Therefore, it is all hands on deck.
- Pointed out the Town's audits and budget is posted on the Town's website under the Government tab. He addressed Ms. Woldman offering his help if needed, stating that the Town wants to be as transparent as possible.

Lynne Hair, Planning Director

- Reported that planning and zoning is still busy issuing new construction permits.
- Received new plans within the last week:
 - Tractor Supply – reviewing plans and starting their permitting process.
 - Houston Road Industrial Park – working on approval of the plans in order to get their permit to begin construction.
- Received a Conditional Zoning Case for the Sterling property off Autumn Leaf Road stating that MI Homes wants to build a 91-home subdivision. The community meeting was held last night and was very well attended. The rezoning request will go before the Planning and Zoning Board on July 24th and then to Town Council on the 8th of August. A request for annexation of the property has been submitted.
- Stated that they continue with the rewrite of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and are hoping by early Fall she will have some chapters to bring before Council for review and consideration.
- Shared that Andrew Ventresca continues to work with the Town's consultant on the Mobility Plan and is anticipating bringing it before Council by the end of the year.

Josh Watson, Police Chief

- Reported the following in comparison of January – June of 2022 to January – June 2023:
 - Calls for service increased by 46%
 - Domestic Disputes increased by 75%
 - Assaults increased by 3%
 - Traffic Crashes increased 66% (parking lot crashes are a big part of the percentage)
 - Arrest increased by 37% (all offenses)
 - Sex Offenses decreased by 75%
 - Fraud Offenses decreased by 45%
 - Traffic Stops increased by 67%
 - Narcotic Offences increased by 89% (due to the proactivity of our officers)
 - Driving while impaired increased by 137% (also due to the proactivity of our officers)
- Stated that the Town has a really good group of officers who are hard-working and dedicated, of whom he is really proud.
- Announced that the Town is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st in the Park. Invited all to come out and meet the officers. Other surrounding agencies will be attending such as Fire and EMS as well as other vendors marketing the services they offer. This is a free event with free food and activities for kids.

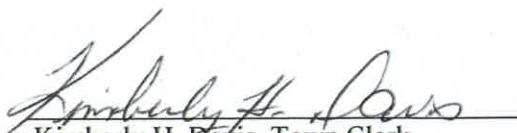
Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager

- Thanked all employees for making the Troutman parade a success commenting that it is not normal that Town staff do these types of events. Most municipalities have volunteer groups and/or a designated sub-agency that actually put events on in towns, not Town/municipal employees. He is thankful for Staff pulling an extra day to make sure others have a good time.
 - Explained that the Town has been acquiring properties, some as rentals, and some for needed office space. He shared that the building (on Wagner Street) which was the Nationwide Insurance building is going to be used for the Town's Pass Port Office. He stated that just since May, on a part-time basis only, the Pass Port Office has profited over \$10,000. Once it becomes full time those numbers will increase. Manager Wyatt stated that timeline-wise, the office could open tomorrow, but we are waiting on signage; once completed, we hope to have the official grand opening.
 - Addressed the school crossing signage that is in the road on Wagner Street and the concerns regarding whether the signs belong there, and the cost to replace one each time one is knocked down. He commented as to the number of times a sign is knocked down and the cost to replace a sign versus the value of a child's life. He shared that the speed limit is getting ready to drop from 25 mph to 20 mph on Wagner Street. The Town has looked at several other options explaining that some options may require acquiring easements, and have line-of-sight issues. He advised that large trucks have been able to make the turns so it simply means that those who cannot are driving carelessly or not paying attention. Every time a sign has been replaced it is moved further back from the intersection.
 - Informed Council that may receive email questionnaires from the auditing firm for them to fill out.
- Councilmember George Harris stated that Lou Bork, HR Director will be moving to the new Pass Port building.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the July 13, 2023 Town Council meeting at 8:36 p.m.


W. Paul Henkel, Mayor Pro Tem


Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

(**) Adjustments to the Agenda

