

**TOWN OF MEGGETT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 22, 2018 **Time:** 7:00PM **Location:** SCPA Building 4770 Hwy 165

Call to order by:	Mayor Herrington
Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Herrington
Minutes:	Stephanie Smith

Roll Call:	Mayor Herrington	P	Angela Watts	P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	P	Andy Gowder	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	P	Stephanie Smith	P
	Keith McCarty	P		

Prayer given by: Mayor Herrington **Pledge led by:** Mayor Herrington

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: November 27, 2017

Motion made by: Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve minutes.

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler seconded the motion.

In Favor:

Mayor Buster Herrington
Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler
Council Member Angela Watts
Council Member Tom Hutto

Opposed: None

Conclusion: Minutes approved.

Upcoming Meggett Events:

Mayor Herrington asked Stephanie Smith, Town Administrator, to provide details about the upcoming events:

Easter Egg Hunt – March 24, 2018 at Meggett Park

Meggett will host a simple Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th, the egg hunt will be age appropriate. We plan to have the Easter Bunny on site for photo opportunities.

Big Spring Clean – April 21, 2018

The Town of Meggett will have its annual litter pick up on April 21st. Those who would like to volunteer will need to be at Meggett Town Hall by 8 am that morning. Lunch and awards will follow at the SCPA Building. Council suggested the Town contact the church on Petersfield Road about the date and time, so they can participate again this year.

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Evening in Meggett – April 28, 2018

Only the date has been set, the expected location will be the Town Hall grounds. More details to come regarding the theme and time of the event.

Proposed Final FEMA Flood Map Update

Mayor Herrington stated the FEMA Flood Map letter had been issued and it contains a link to view the preliminary flood zones in Charleston County. The appeal process has begun, all questions should be directed using the contact information provided in the letter from FEMA.

School of Choice Week Proclamation

Mayor Herrington read and signed the proclamation for the South Carolina School of Choice Week which was January 21-27, 2018.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated the roof projects on both the SCPA Building and Town Hall are complete, there were a few residual issues, but they have since been handled. The Mayor personally repaired the 1st floor backdoor in the SCPA Building and it now closes much easier. SCE&G removed the large Christmas lights from the power poles and they were stored away earlier today.

Mayor Herrington asked Council to consider a new storage building on the Town Hall grounds that could be discussed further at the Council Retreat, he reiterated there is a storage problem.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated the only non-customary money spent was at Roxbury Park for the Picnic Shelter and it was budgeted, nothing otherwise out of the ordinary. He ran an analysis for December 2016 – December 2017, which showed growth in all accounts. More important the account balances grew with major expenses such as the repairs for the Blue House. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked Town Administrator, Stephanie Smith, to check on the values and percentages of the CD's, the growth did not seem consistent. Mayor Herrington speculated the CD's might have different interest rates, Stephanie Smith will investigate the CD's, their current values, maturity dates and interest rates. Mayor Herrington also added the Wastewater account will drop substantially next month due to the multiple taps purchased back by the Town.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto updated the lot near the Meggett Sign sold.

Council Member Tom Hutto also stated the final payment for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant was received. The picnic shelter's foundation is complete, half the super structure is complete, the brick will be delivered soon, and the

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lighting is being selected. The contractor is out there 7 days a week working to get the project done. Council Member Tom Hutto and Council Member Angela Watts commented how beautiful the picnic shelter looked and estimated it would be completed in April.

Council Member Tom Hutto asked the Town Administrator about the work being done on Parishville Road, she updated two permits were issued by Charleston County Zoning and Planning, the removal of a Grand Tree larger than 24" and clearing for a subdivision. The County stated the subdivision clearing was only for a road and the subdivision would create 10 total lots once approved. Town Attorney Andy Gowder is meeting with Andrea Pietras with Charleston County Zoning and Planning later in the week to verify the Town is included in all areas needing Town approval and for verification of why the Grand Tree removal was permitted without a BZA hearing.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

No report

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts updated the park was closed to the public on January 6-7, 2018 due to inclement weather. There was no damage to the grounds or cottage as a result of the harsh cold temperatures, snow and ice.

Roxbury Park might be added to SCDNR's "Property Watch Program" for unauthorized hunting, Mayor Herrington is researching into this possibility.

Tom Austin installed a culvert with corrugated drain pipes in the dike on the lower pond loop to provide an outflow to the parking lot wetlands. Resurfacing the dike earlier this fall has caused rising water to flood the edges of the parking lot, killing the trees in the wetland and overflowing onto the dike. He expected the culvert to drop the level in the parking lot at least 5 inches, by January 21st the wetlands by the parking lot successfully drained to a level 1, showing the culvert is working.

Tom Austin continues to help at the Town Hall on Mondays.

Public Comments:

Mr. Russell Dowdy – alerted Council to the missing Legacy Lane street sign, a damaged/down "Stop Sign Ahead" sign approaching Ethel Post Office Road, and road damage all in the Quigley Farm area. He also asked the Town to consider lowering the speed limit in the Quigley Farm area.

Mr. Michael Miller – asked Council to consider putting a fence up between Meggett Park and Meggett Quail Road now that the undergrowth has been removed, it is too easy for children to run out into the road from the park.

Council Member Tom Hutto asked Town Attorney, Andy Gowder, to further explain the purposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Meggett and Charleston County Public Works. He explained the current proposal offers a budget of \$20,400.00 for infrastructure repair on County roads and ditches. Once the County spends \$20,400 in Meggett, the Town is then obligated to pay the County for the remaining repairs in that same fiscal year. Meggett has decided not to sign until, at least, the County can explain why property taxes collected in Meggett by the County do not satisfy the same financial burden as the unincorporated areas.

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There is a meeting scheduled later in the month that Mayor Herrington, Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler and Attorney Gowder will attend on the Town's behalf to gather more information.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm