

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: *October 24, 2016* **Time:** *7:00PM* **Location:** *SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165*

Call to order by:	<i>Mayor Herrington</i>
Type of Meeting:	<i>Public Hearing & Council Meeting</i>
Facilitator:	<i>Mayor Herrington</i>
Minutes:	<i>Erica Schaffer</i>

Roll Call:	<i>Mayor Herrington</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Angela Watts</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A = Absent</i>	<i>Tommy Butler</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Andy Gowder</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>P = Present</i>	<i>Tom Hutto</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Stephanie Smith</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Keith McCarty</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Prayer given by: *Mr. Smoak*

Pledge led by: *Mayor Herrington*

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: September 26, 2016.

Motion made by: *Council Member Keith McCarty moved to approve minutes.*

Seconded by: *Council Member Tom Hutto seconded the motion.*

In Favor:

- Mayor Buster Herrington*
- Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler*
- Council Member Tom Hutto*
- Council Member Keith McCarty*
- Council Member Angela Watts*

Opposed:

Conclusion: *Minutes approved.*

HURRICANE MATTHEW:

Mayor Herrington stated that overall our Town was very fortunate. He asked that we pray for those who suffered great loss. He acknowledged David Singleton, Larry Commins, and Mike Watts for helping clean up the roads in regards to the aftermath of the Hurricane. Town Administrator Stephanie L. Smith stated that she spoke with the Insurance Adjuster in regards to damages sustained by Hurricane Matthew. In addition to speaking with the insurance adjuster on damages sustained by the Town and its properties she advised residents that she has been in contact with Charleston County in regards to having them come and pick up debris for our residents. Town Administrator Stephanie L. Smith added that the

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most important thing for residents to know is debris will be picked up on public roads however; Charleston County will not be picking up debris on Private Roads as they are not part of the agreement that Meggett has with them. She also stated that she added a new page on the Town's website under weather. The new addition includes links for residents living in Meggett in regards to weather. She added that if anyone had any questions they are welcome to contact her at the Town Hall.

November Polling Locations & Information on Website:

Mayor Herrington advised residents that in years past all voting was held at Town Hall. This year the Presidential Election will be held at Lowcountry Leadership Charter School. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith stated that new Voter Registration Cards went out before the Primaries advising residents that they would be voting at Lowcountry Leadership Charter School (LLCS). She stated that she will follow-up with an email blast as well as including the information in the Town of Meggett Newsletter which will be mailed prior to the election. In addition the election committee has created a very attractive sign which will be placed outside of the Town Hall on Election Day.

Reindeer Run: 5K Walk/Run for Education:

Town Administrator Stephanie Smith explained that the LLCS PTO was planning a K5 Walk/Run for Education. The original proposed date was October 22nd. In light of Hurricane Matthew and the LLCS Athletic Booster Club Turkey Shoot the PTO has asked the Town's permission to pair up with them during our Christmas Festival which is December 3rd. They have changed the name of their event to the LLCS Reindeer Run for Education. There will be some roads affected by the Reindeer Run. Council Member Tom Hutto asked what time the event is scheduled to start. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith stated that late registration is scheduled for 7:15am. The walk will more than likely start around 9am. They are hoping to be completed by 10:30 or 11 o'clock. They are hoping to leave from the Meggett Park head down Hwy 165, turn on Ethel Post Office Road, and walk down to Wilson Road at which point participants will turn around and come back to Meggett Town Hall. In addition to the Reindeer Run they are also planning to incorporate a Children's Run. The Children's Run will encompass some of the Meggett Park as well as areas surrounding the Town Hall. The Children's Run will be some type of figure 8 Walk for smaller children. She advised residents who were interested in participating to contact the school for more information 843-889-5527.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that we lost one Cedar Tree and some bushes over at Meggett Park due to the storm. He added that he has a contractor scheduled to come out and remove the tree as well as some other limbs. The SCPA Building sustained some roof damage and we found another leak. Mayor Herrington explained that the SCPA Building had a bunch of water over here (pointing to a location in the conference room). He added the SCPA Building had water in the front room as well as another area over here (pointing to another area in the conference room). The Mayor advised that Town Administrator Stephanie Smith was in touch with contractors and the insurance company in regards to getting the roof fixed. He reminded everyone that the Town was already looking into fixing some other areas in the roof. He

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mentioned that since Hurricane Matthew added more damages to the roof that the Town plans to incorporate all repairs needed on the roof. He added that there was a lot of tree damage at Roxbury Park but he would have Council Member Angela Watts discuss that in her report.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated there was no change to the Meggett 1925 account. The Waste Water account was up \$917.00 and the Town's general account is up \$2,086.00. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler explained that some of the out of the expenses were improvements to the Meggett Park across the street. Council Member Tom Hutto added that with the \$652,000.00 we have in the bank the Town is physically sound.

Mayor Herrington added that an additional out of the ordinary expense will be showing up next month due to the Hurricane. Prior to the hurricane Mayor Herrington stated he was in contact with CWS and they recommended the rental of the generator and diesel to keep the sewer pump station going during the power outage. He stated that the rental was for 6 days and the Town had received the invoice for that rental. Council Member Keith McCarty asked if the Town had considered purchasing a generator for the backup pump station. The Mayor stated that the Town had considered it. Council Member Tom Hutto mentioned that the rental invoice was quite substantial. Mayor Herrington agreed and stated the invoice was somewhere around \$7,000.00. Mayor Herrington went on to add that much of the wiring and other essential operating components were torn up because of the hurricane. The backup pump and generator worked well for this situation and the Town was very fortunate. He explained that the wet well can generally work about 14 hours with no problem but once it reaches capacity it could overflow. Mayor Herrington advised Council that the shed for the pump was destroyed by the storm and he was looking into getting prices to build a new shed.

Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto

Council Member Tom Hutto stated that he and Council Member Angela Watts met with Charleston County to go over the variance needed for the picnic shelter at Roxbury Park. The setback requested by Charleston County was from 14' to 12'. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith advised Council that the change had been made by the original designer. Council Member Tom Hutto asked Town Administrator Stephanie Smith to go ahead and request an extension on the current grant.

Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty

Council Member Keith McCarty commented that he had been in contact with different companies and lawyers pertaining to the town's rights concerning other website containing Town information. He advised Council and Residents that a letter to the offender immediately requesting they remove the content from their website was the first step to stopping others from using the Internet to discuss Town business. The second step would be a lawsuit. Guard your name. Send the letter to start the process and be vigilant about it.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Angela Watts explained that Roxbury Park suffered the loss of many trees because of Hurricane Matthew. She stated that many limbs and trees were down. Several were artfully placed. Two large trees and one large pine tree fell by the parking lot. Bill and Jack Meeks have cleaned several larger trees up for us. We also had many more

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limbs fall in the parking lot, around the cottage, and on the driveway going into the park. Many of us went over to clean those up. The walking trails are still a work in progress as far as getting those cleaned up and getting them cleared for the safety of visitors. We felt we need to address the other locations immediately. Council Member Angela Watts stated that she and Council Member Tom Hutto interviewed Thomas Austin for the caretaker position. She added that they had several more interviews scheduled. Council Member Angela Watts advised residents that once the interviews are completed and a new caretaker is hired the Park will reopen.

Public Comments:

- *David Soak shared that there would be a Craft Show Sat. Nov. 5th from 9am-2pm at John Wesley Methodist Church.*
- *The Hair Residents at 4606 Flounder Lake Road asked when the BZA Meeting pertaining to Modes Lane had been rescheduled. Town Administrator Stephanie Smith advised Ms. Hair that the BZA Meeting pertaining to the proposed event house had been rescheduled to Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 7pm. Council Member Tom Hutto advised her that public comments will be accepted at the meeting.*

Executive Session (7:23 – 7:45)

No action was taken in executive session.

Meeting concluded at 7:46 pm.