

## **TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 25, 2017      **Time:** 7:00PM      **Location:** SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

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<b>Call to order by:</b>	Mayor Herrington
<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Council Meeting
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Mayor Herrington
<b>Minutes:</b>	Erica Schaffer

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

**Prayer given by:** Mr. Smoak

**Pledge led by:** Mayor Herrington

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting held on: August 28, 2017.

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

**Seconded by:** Council Member Angela Watts seconded the motion.

**In Favor:**

Mayor Buster Herrington  
 Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler  
 Council Member Angela Watts  
 Council Member Keith McCarty

**Opposed:** None

**Conclusion:** Minutes approved.

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### **Hurricane Irma:**

Mayor Herrington informed everyone that we rented the auxiliary pump again for our sewer pump station and the pump has been returned. We provided sand and sand bags to our residents prior to the Hurricane. We ordered 1,000 bags and ran out. He stated that we ended up having about 1/4 of the sand left. Mayor Herrington thanked our Town Administrator Stephanie Smith for getting the sand and bags lined up for our residents. He advised that we also purchased a backup generator for the Town Hall.

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**Hurricane Matthew – FEMA and IRF Reimbursements:**

Mayor Herrington provided an update on the financial reimbursements from FEMA and the Insurance Reserve Fund regarding Hurricane Matthew. He stated that we received \$23,014.83 from FEMA and \$8,483.88 from the IRF for a total reimbursement of \$31,498.21. He added that this reimbursement covered about 80% of the Town's losses from Hurricane Matthew and the finances were a huge help.

**Council Member Reports:**

**Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington**

Mayor Herrington reported that Hurricane Irma caused some damage to the roof on the SCPA Building. The roof damage in turn caused damage to the flooring in the hallway as well as the meeting room. He added that we rented a very large dehumidifier in an effort to remove as much moisture as possible from the wood. He stated that the repairs on the roof are scheduled to begin either next week or the following week. Coastal Roofing will be doing the work. Mayor Herrington advised that the SCPA Building roof would be replaced first and the Town Hall roof would be next. He added that after the roofing work is completed the Town will begin repairing the floors. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked the mayor about the removal and replacement of the trees beside the SCPA and Town Hall. Mayor Herrington explained that the landscapers said we missed our window of opportunity as we are getting ready to move into cooler months. He stated we may have to wait for spring; however, if the root systems become further threat to the structure of either building we will proceed with taking them out.

**Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler**

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler presented the financial report: Town of Meggett General Account went up \$1,097.34, the Wastewater account was up \$5,496.00 and Meggett 1925 went up \$450.00. He added there were no unusual expenses to report. Council Member Keith McCarty inquired if there are any other investments we could look into besides CD's. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler stated that it was something we can look into. Council Member Keith McCarty asked Attorney Andy Gowder if he could look into the matter as well.

**Grants and Special Reports given by: Council Member Tom Hutto**

Council Member Tom Hutto - ABSENT.

**Communications given by: Council Member Keith McCarty**

Council Member Keith McCarty commented he has not heard back from the cell phone communications company.

**Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts**

Council Member Angela Watts updated that on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> Tom Austin did prep work and lead the 9SCCED) SC Economic Developers Association around the park. Council Member Angela Watts gave an update from Hurricane Irma. She stated that we had no trees down and no damage to causeways or structures. She advised that Tom Austin cleaned up small debris and organized the garage. The docks, piers, boardwalks, bridge, and the picnic shelter all

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appeared to be untouched. Council Member Angela Watts added that she was advised by Tom Austin that there was significant storm water at the cottage approximately 3” inside the cottage and 19” inside the garage. She stated that firewood and lumber outside the garage floated away along with the canoe. The canoe was stuck in the marsh by the parking lot. Tom Austin was able to retrieve the canoe. Council Member Angela Watts stated we did much better with Irma than we did with Hurricane Matthew last year. She went on to say that Tom Austin fixed the picnic shelter screens, mowed the hayfield, and sharpened the chainsaw chain. She also stated that someone donated a trail camera which Tom

Austin has set up next to the river on a post just before the entrance of the cottage. He is hoping to get photos of alligators, otters, and other wildlife using the slide to get in and out of the water. She added that Tom will be taking the camera down and putting it back up when he is working to prevent someone from stealing it. Mayor Herrington added that he went and got the equipment from Roxbury before the storm and moved it to higher ground so it wouldn't get damaged again. He is also having the Kawasaki mule serviced.

**Public Comments:**

Larry Commins mentioned that the Navy Federal Credit Union does have a 6-month CD that may yield the Town a higher return on its money.

Mr. Hudson a new resident of the community wanted to know if the Town is aware that the EMS and Fire Station at the end of Ethel Post Office Road is often unmanned. He also wanted to know why it is unmanned.

Mayor Herrington responded that the Town is aware that the Fire Station is unmanned. He explained that the Fire Station is going through some significant changes and that St. Paul's Fire Department is working to fix the issue. They have a new chief who is working diligently to correct the problem. He encouraged residents to call the St.

Paul's Fire Department for updates. Mayor Herrington also stated that he is planning to Have Chief Garvin available for updates at our October Council Meeting. Ken Schilling added that the rule is with winds at 45mph or higher fire fighters leave.

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler made a motion to move into executive session. Council Member Keith McCarty seconded the motion.

Mayor Herrington stated that two legal matters were discussed during executive session and no decisions were rendered. Mayor Herrington adjourned the meeting.

*Meeting concluded at 7:37 pm*