

# TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Date: October 26, 2015      Time: 7:00PM      Location: SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165*

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<b>Call to order by:</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Council Meeting
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Mayor Buster Herrington
<b>Minutes:</b>	Stephanie Smith

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

**Prayer given by:** Resident, David Smoak                      **Pledge led by:** Mayor Buster Herrington

*Approval of Minutes from previous meeting held on: September 28, 2015 Council Meeting.*

**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.*

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### **Flood Damage:**

*Mayor Herrington stated due to the heavy rains this month, FEMA, the State of South Carolina, Charleston County and other organizations have reached out to the Town offering assistance to our residents. The letters, phone numbers and contact information are located in the Town office. If the residents in attendance need assistance or know of any other residents that are in need of assistance they can call the Town to get the contact information.*

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## **Charleston County:**

*Mayor Herrington shared a two part report from Charleston County regarding drainage and repairs.*

- 1. Drainage Issues – Charleston County and SCDOT were unable to address the problems before the heavy rains this month which have created extra problems. The Mayor has been told they are starting to work on it again.*
- 2. The Mayor received a call last week from Charleston County that they are starting some major repairs on Church Flats Road, repairing and repaving. This work is supposed to start this week, October 26, 2015. Repair/Repaving as needed, will run from the Town Hall section of Church Flats Road to where it intersects with Towles Road.*

*Council Member Tom Hutto added, it would be helpful if the Town could be notified prior to such repairs so the Town would have an opportunity to ask for additional repairs or work to be done while the SCDOT or Charleston County are already out working in our area. Council Member Tom Hutto asked Admin in training, Stephanie Smith, to find out how the Town can get in front of such notices in the future.*

## **SCPA Building**

*Mayor Herrington reminded the Town Council about the previous discussion on the “crack” in the back of the SCPA Building. The Mayor has received two bids as of last week, which he emailed to all the council members for review, stating they are both very similar in cost. Further explaining, one prices a new foundation and jacks, and the other prices just new supports. He is still waiting on the third bid, which he expects this week and will call the council members when the bid is received.*

## **Sewer Taps**

*Mayor Herrington stated the Sewer Tap Agreement is ready, the taps are ready and they are now for sale, \$4000.00 each. The Town will begin contacting residents this week. We have 46 sewer taps and will hold 3 taps back for emergencies.*

*Mayor Herrington suggested the Town contact each resident on the list, in order, to offer one tap for purchase. Once everyone on the list has been contacted, start over to offer a second, third and so on, option to purchase additional taps. As residents decline tap purchase, they will be removed from the list until either all residents who requested to purchase a tap have been contacted or the town has sold all but 3 taps. Attorney, Andy Gowder, followed up to state that this process is the way the Town’s ordinance reads.*

*The property owner has 2 years to use the tap before the Town can offer to purchase it back. The Town resident will be invoiced and have 30 days to pay for their tap(s). If they fail to pay for the tap(s) in the allowed time, they will have forfeited their tap(s) and the tap(s) will go back to the Town. Council Member Tom Hutto used as example, if a resident purchased 8 taps and in two years had not used them, the Town would have the opportunity to buy one back to sell to a resident who is in need of a tap. In response, Attorney, Andy Gowder, stated the Town bought the 46 taps, we are selling now, back from the bank that was holding them.*

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**Council Salary**

*Mayor Herrington stated tonight is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposal to increase Council Salary from \$400.00 to \$600.00 a month. The Mayor asked for a motion.*

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

**Seconded by:** *Mayor Pro Tem, Tommy Butler 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:** *Council Salary approved.*

**Stevens Towing**

*Mayor Herrington stated tonight is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the approval of Stevens Towing, changing the zoning from residential to industrial of TMS# 1590000029, which is located at 4169 Highway 165, Meggett, SC 29449.*

**Motion made by:** *Council Member Tom Hutto moved to approve zoning change.*

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

**In Favor:**

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

**Opposed:** *Council Member Keith McCarty*

**Conclusion:** *Zoning Change approved.*

**Council Member Reports:**

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

*Mayor Herrington briefly spoke about the SCPA Building earlier in the meeting regarding bids. Stephanie will be working on new signage for the park across the street from the Town Hall. There have been some issues with people walking their dogs and not cleaning up the waste. Signages to clean up behind your pet with waste bag dispensers are being researched.*

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*Additionally there have been ongoing problems with people in the evening hours; Mayor Herrington has received quotes from Palmetto CSI, who did the camera system in the Town Hall. The Mayor will email the quotes to the Council Members, due to cost; we might start with a motion light and sign.*

*The sign on the Town Hall building needs replacing, Stephanie is working on getting pricing to have it replaced. In addition, the Mayor is waiting on a quotation for preliminary costs for the lighted sign (by the road) he and Jodi Crosby designed for the Town. The Mayor reminded the council, we may wait on (installing) the lighted sign a while since the Town is doing so much at Roxbury this year.*

*Council Member Keith McCarty suggested looking into adding “Town of Meggett” to our street signs.*

*St. Paul’s Fire Department has a new ISO Fire Rating, it has changed from a 10 to a 5 for residents within a 5 mile distance from any St. Paul’s Fire Station. This information might reduce a resident’s home owner insurance depending on the home’s proximity to the nearest fire station (5 miles). Information will be added to our website on how our residents can receive a letter to send to their insurance companies.*

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

*Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler reported that last month we deposited \$16,600.00 and spent \$16,800.00. “Traditionally the first half of the fiscal year we spend more than we take in, but this past month we did really well.” The Town of Meggett bank account went down \$100.27, the Wastewater checking account went up \$2,600.00 and the Meggett 1925 account went up \$50.00. Additionally, there were no out of the ordinary expenses last month.*

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

*Council Member Tom Hutto stated there is a bid “on the street” for building two kayak launches and a fixed dock. The bid was advertised in the newspaper and is on the website. Currently one bid has been received and more are expected. RFQ for the Picnic Shelter is ready and approved; Ellie and Stephanie will post it in the paper this Sunday (November 1, 2015) and upload to the website. The Kayak Launch and Picnic Shelter bids will be the final items for the LWCF Grant which is intended to be completed in the next 6 months.*

*There is a SCPRT Grant, in the works, the Town is interested in making an application for and is deciding what we would use the funds toward; it is an 80/20 Grant.*

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

*Council Member Keith McCarty followed up on the concern of cell phone towers coming to the Meggett area, he called Verizon and after speaking with a representative who was aware of the situation, he was told there are no plans to bring a cell phone tower to the Meggett area. There is a tower in Hollywood and if the company planned to expand, it would be off the tower in Hollywood.*

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

*Council Member Angela Watts requested the Council to consider adding a dock to the designs for the Picnic Shelter toward the back, near the water. She feels it would be a great location/backdrop for pictures during a myriad of events; reunions, weddings, parties, etc. Council Member Tom Hutto stated the Town cannot put another dock because the OCRM limit is one dock per lot, but a gazebo or small structure and walkway could be placed in the location.*

*Council Member Angela Watts continued discussion on the SCPRT Grant Council Member Tom Hutto discussed earlier. The grant award range is \$10,000.00 - \$100,000.00 with a 20% total match by the Town. The grant includes walking and hiking trails, kayak launch, trail signage, information center, restroom and benches.*

*Roxbury Cottage Updates: The downstairs bathroom and utility room improvements are underway. The dehumidifiers, ceiling fan for the porch and ADA compliance fixtures for the bathroom will be installed this week. Ken continues to improve the trail system. The Boy Scouts held a graduation ceremony earlier this month at Roxbury and they have completed trail signs and Osprey's Nest.*

*Lastly the Town is working on Fishing and Grant projects on the docks and pavilion.*

*The Town is checking to be sure we have the appropriate First Aid Kits for Roxbury Park.*

**Public Comments:**

*Mayor Herrington reintroduced the new administrator, Stephanie Smith. With nothing further, Mayor Herrington opened the floor to comments.*

*Mr. Mike Watts asked if the list for the sewer taps are for larger tracks, the Mayor stated a few lots have been subdivided for some time.*

*Mr. David Smoak announced One Nation Under God Program will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (hosted by the St. Paul's Exchange Club). Mr. Smoak explained the program is a patriotic and religious program to be held at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, the speaker is a retired Army Chaplin.*

*Meeting concluded at 7:26 pm.*