

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2017  
BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton, Polly Martin, Wayne Casella, Jo Grey, Cathy Davis, Valerie Tyson, Elizabeth Walton, Jenny Henderson, Desi Shine, Solomon McAuley, Hilda Lawing

**Council Members Present:**

Anne Harwood, Mayor  
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ryan Hatley  
Ernest Peoples  
Larry Milano

**Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Wayne Carter, Property Maintenance Supervisor  
Bryan Lambert, Police Chief  
Amanda Bowers, Assistant Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Georgette Edgerton commented on community beautification, would like West Badin appearance enhanced. Edgerton said she knows people willing to donate memorial benches. Edgerton would like a program to allow memorial bench donations to the town.

Polly Martin thanked the Badin Volunteer Fire Department and Town of Badin Public Works Department for their help with the Celtic Festival.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Harwood called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Add item 7(a) to agenda to add a Resolution Proclaiming April 2017 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting  
Motion to approve: Milano  
Second: Chambers  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

February 20, 2017 Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve: Chambers  
Second: Milano  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Council was presented with a resolution to proclaim April 2017 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” by the Esther House of Stanly County. Esther House assists survivors of sexual violence, their loved ones, and community professionals. They are a non-profit agency that has served this community since 2011 and works to stop sexual violence and its impact through support, education, and advocacy.

Motion to approve Proclamation: Milano  
Second: Hatley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council was presented with a resolution to oppose House Bill 257 as written. As written, House Bill 257 will require all Stanly County municipalities to gain approval from the Board of Stanly County Commissioners for agreements sought between a municipality and government entities outside Stanly County. Almond spoke to Representative Justin Burr about the bill. Burr stated the intent of the bill was to include county insight to municipal decisions. Burr could not attend the meeting but is willing to speak personally to council members to clarify and answer any questions. Milano stated he is not comfortable giving up his rights as an elected official to County Commissioners. Peoples questioned the purpose of having a town council would serve if they can’t make their own decisions on what is best for their town. Hatley has concerns on how the bill is written suggesting it does not coincide with the way towns in Stanly County are structured. Chambers asked if they need to vote to oppose HB 275 immediately. One amendment is to be made to the resolution, in the first line where it states “...HB 257 and support it...” it should read “...HB 257 and the support it...”

Motion to approve resolution opposing House Bill 257 as amended: Hatley  
Second: Peoples  
Vote: Passed, 4-1  
Aye: Hatley, Peoples, Harwood, Milano  
Nay: Chambers

Council was presented with a request from David Summerlin to close portions of Pine Street May 6<sup>th</sup> for the annual Badin Bug Bash. Annual Bug Bash began in 2014. Summerlin would like permission from the town to temporarily close portions of Pine Street on May 6<sup>th</sup> from Falls Road to Willow Street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Motion to approve request: Chambers  
Second: Hatley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

- John Webster, Attorney at Law, will address one code case, however there is a conflict with the other case. Town will seek another attorney to handle the other case. The cases are 105 Maple and 104 Pine. Almond would like to make clear

that Webster will not become the town's attorney. He will just be assigned civil cases. Almond is to check on the time frame for these court cases.

- 92 Maple has garbage running over in front yard.
- 18 Cherry has furniture in front yard.
- 33 Cedar has lawn mowers in yard which looks to be a lawn mower business.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Lambert reported 2,651 calls for service for February.

- There were 7 code violations.
- Home on Cherry Street has a lot of personal property in yard. Chief is taking care of the situation.
- Celtic Festival went great, Chief stated that it was the easiest event that BPD has ever worked.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Carter reported the following:

- Public Works collected 9 loads of brush for March.
- Public Works collected 2 loads of leaves.
- Semi-Annual Town Cleanup will begin Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and end Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Flyers will be posted at the Badin Post Office, Westbrook Community Center, and on the town's website.
- Next limb/brush collection will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented the financial report for period ending March 10, 2017. Almond reported January Revenues from Property Tax, Sales & Use Tax, and Occupancy Tax.

Property tax collection as of March 10 is good. Tax collection has improved from recent years.

Hatley asked what expectation the town should have for how revaluation might affect local property tax revenue totals. Almond estimated revaluation will likely have only a minor effect in Badin.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

- For Badin water system project updates visit <http://www.co.stanly.nc.us/>. Stanly County Utilities encourages residents to sign up for Blackboard connect notices from the utilities department for periodic updates.
- Chambers and Hatley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m. Wed., April 12<sup>th</sup> in the CVB meeting room of the Stanly County Commons in Albemarle.

- New London will host the next Liaison meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23th in the New London Community Center located at 114 West Gold Street in New London.
- Town Hall Day 2017 is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29th in the LGFCU Conference Center in Raleigh. North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials (NCBEMO) Breakfast is the same day. Harwood and Almond will be attending. Chambers will be attending the Town Hall Day and NCBEMO Breakfast.
- Milano and Peoples will attend the TAC meeting in Locust at 5 p.m. located at Locust Town Hall.
- Almond encouraged council members to do a walkthrough of town to note any water project issues. Contractors should be substantially complete by April 6th.
- Willow Street Update: Surveyor has been hired to identify alleys. Parking will be an issue during the Willow Street project. Almond would like to temporarily clear alleys behind houses to allow access during this time.
- Johnny Westbrook received a grant to restore the face of the community center building. Town has put trees in sidewalk. Almond presented council with a design to enhance appearance and functionality of the downtown district in West Badin. Almond will be seeking grants for this project.
- Dollar General has estimated opening for mid-May.
- The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11th, in Badin Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn March 14, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 11, 2017

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Town Clerk

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Mayor

Minutes Prepared by: Amanda Bowers

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