

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 16, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Hall, 2768 Thompson Street, Simpson, NC.

**WELCOME**

Mayor Richard Zeck welcomed everyone.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Richard Zeck called the meeting to order

**ROLL CALL**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk conducted the Roll Call.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Zeck, Mayor  
Brenda Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman  
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk  
Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer  
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney  
Citizens, Present

**QUORUM PRESENT**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk stated to the Board a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilwoman Dianne Thomas provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the March minutes and  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.

- Hugh Mills Jr. spoke briefly about drainage issues on Mill Street in Millbrook.

- Emily Corbet spoke briefly about patching holes on Edwards Street and asked if Edwards Street was added the Powell Bill.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins had comments and spoke briefly and asked for a closed session at the end of the regular meeting.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas had comments and spoke briefly.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye had comments and spoke briefly.

#### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke about the correspondences with Grimesland and Bill Clark Homes concerning the \$1,200.00 reimbursement. The conclusion was neither side was taking responsibility. After speaking with Mr. Weaver from Bill Clark Homes, Mr. Weaver asked for a letter to be sent to him and he would take it to Grimesland to see if it can get resolved.

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke briefly on the Interlocal Agreement between Pitt County and Simpson for the provision of animal control services. Mayor Zeck requested time for the council to review these Ordinances and for them to be put on May's council meeting agenda.

#### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck thanked the Salem Church and Pastor Williams for quickly organizing the MOW volunteers. MOW started April 9, 2018. We have 6 clients at this time (10 next week) receiving MOW with a total of 20 volunteers that signed up to help deliver.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly about removing the Police expenses from the FY19 Budget and returning the police vehicle and canceling the insurance.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Richard Zeck announced there will be an Open Budget Discussion meeting, April 24 at Village of Simpson town hall from 6-7pm.

Mayor Richard Zeck announced the new hours of operation for the Village of Simpson town hall are Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Mayor Richard Zeck introduced Susan Ellsworth as the new Finance Officer.

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly on the seven mowing height letters that have gone out to the Residences that have exceeded the height requirement for cutting.

#### **ITEMS FOR MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to remove the Police expenses from the FY19 Budget. It was not seconded. Councilwomen Brenda Hawkins and Mary Moye both asked for more details at the April 23<sup>th</sup> Open Budget Discussion Meeting.

Attorney Keen Lassiter read the ordinance no. 18-0-1 section (c), in reference to disposing of personal property, at a \$2,500 limit. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to approve the ordinance no. 18-0-1 section (c). Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to enter Closed Session pursuant to NCGS Section 143-318.11(a)(6). Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried."

**CLOSED SESSION**

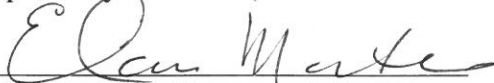
A motion was made by Councilwoman Diane Thomas to return to Open Session. Councilwoman Mary Moyer seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diane Thomas to support the decision by Mayor Zeck to hire Susan Ellsworth as Finance Officer. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried."

**ADJOURNMENT**

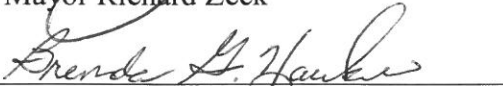
A motion was made by Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Mary Moyer. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elaine Martin, Village Clerk

Approved On 5/21/18  
Date

  
Mayor Richard Zeck

  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
Councilwoman Mary Moyer