



**Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Navey; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Ann Batt, Eddie Briley, John Rivers
Council-elects: Rich Johnson, Rich Porter, Austin Waters

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Service Director; Michelle Shreve, Planner; Arrington Moore, Events/Mgmt Asst; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Adam Snyder, Fire Chief; Lee Browning, Inspector

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Navey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

Councilmember Briley made a motion *to approve* the agendas as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Archer. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases
- d) Certification of 2017 Election Results
- e) Letter of Sympathy - John Lotspih
- f) Letter of Sympathy - Derryl Garner
- g) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 11/27/2017

Mayor Cooper reviewed the letters of sympathy for the audience.

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

5. Recognition of Councilmembers Ann Batt, Eddie Briley and John Rivers for Dedicated Service

Mayor Cooper presented each outgoing Councilmember with a plaque and thanked them for their years of service to Atlantic Beach. Ann Batt knows everyone in Town. She has played an important roll in hiring town staff through hiring boards and having a hands on with the entire Town. Her roll on council is as important as her roll with staff. John Rivers is always the one that comes in with another idea, a common sense solution. Eddie Briley is a man of action. He reminds the board their job isn't to debate, it is to make action.

6. Outgoing Board Member Comments

Rivers thanked everyone that supported him while he was in office. This Council has done a lot of infrastructure work and the rest of the facility work is in progress. He has full confidence in the incoming Council. A big hearted thanks to everyone.

Briley remembers the first time he sat on the board, it was a time of chaos with a lot that needed to be done. The thing that impressed him the most is the way Council worked together to get things done. Remember, when you take the oath you swear

to do the best for the Town, not little groups here or there. He promised the new board they will not regret the decision to work for the Town, it is best thing that has happened to him. Thank you.

Batt leaves with her head held high. She thanked everyone, including staff that has helped her over the past ten years. It has been an exciting, crazy, rewarding ride. She will miss all of the smiling faces of everyone that works for the Town. She is proud of the stormwater, park, and Public Works building. She says good luck to the incoming and remaining board members.

Recess at 6:20 pm.

Resumed 6:39 pm.

NEWLY SEATED BOARD

7. OATHS

Oaths of Office were administered by Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk, to Mayor Trace Cooper and Councilmembers Harry Archer, Richard Johnson, Danny Navey, Richard Porter and Austin Waters.

8. SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE 2017-19

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to appoint* by acclamation Richard Porter, Jr. as Mayor Pro Tempore. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

After the meeting, the Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tem was administered to Richard Porter by Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Archer. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

10. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

None.

11. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to nominate* all five applicants (Ann Batt, Lynne Brown, Fred Dean, Kevin Henry and Doug McCullough) for consideration and possible appointment to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

Council voted by paper ballot *to appoint* Ann Batt, Lynne Brown and Doug McCullough to the Planning Board. Batt and Brown each received five votes therefore their terms will expire December 31, 2020. McCullough received three (3) votes (Archer, Navey and Waters) therefore his term will expire December 31, 2019. Johnson and Porter voted for Fred Dean.

Copies of the paper ballots, signed by each voting Councilmember, are a part of the meeting minutes.

12. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS

Councilmember Waters made a motion *to nominate* applicants Eddie Briley and Michael Bosse for consideration and possible appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilmember Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

Council voted by paper ballot *to appoint* Eddie Briley to fill John Lotspih's vacant seat for a term expiring December 31, 2020 and Michael Bosse to fill the vacant Alternate seat expiring December 31, 2019.

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13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker thanked outgoing Council for their support and welcomed the new Council. He assured staff is always available for assistance and we look forward to the next two years. New members have been included in all correspondence during the past two months and participated in an orientation with department heads. A retreat will be held in January.

14. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson thanked everyone that came to the meeting. He is honored and excited to serve. He plans to continue the Town the way it has been going. He agrees with Mr. Briley, the board serves everyone in the Town and no one should be left out.

Councilmember Waters loves the Town of Atlantic Beach. He has been coming here since he was a young child. The past Council did a phenomenal job and he strives to continue the job.

Councilmember Archer wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. Take time to pray and thank the Lord for Atlantic Beach and being privileged to live here. He would like to speak about John Lotspih, he was a believer and dedicated to the entire Town. He is confident that Atlantic Beach will truly miss him.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter thanked his family for driving from Tennessee today for support, and especially his fiancé Janice Bynum for her support. He would like to speak about Derryl Garner. He grew up in Newport and Mayor Garner was always kind, a true leader, the kind of leader we should all aspire to be. He shared that he use his Grandfather's flag and Grandmother's Bible during his oath ceremony.

Councilmember Navey thinks this is a great team and looks forward to working and serving with this board. The staff we have reflects the Town Manager and we are very fortunate to have a man like him. Council throws out a plan and the staff makes it happen. With Christmas, please remember all those out there keeping us safe. He appreciates everyone attending the meeting and hopes this continues.

Mayor Cooper feels the most important thing we do is listen to the people we work for. With this in mind, we have a survey available for the public to take. The results will be used at the planning retreat to assist Council in developing Goals and Objectives. Thanked the outgoing members. Our Town would not be what it is without them. Merry Christmas.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 7:06 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

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[Handwritten Signature]
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

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Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk