



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023  
6:30 PM  
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:47 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Chase Moore, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes  
Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Officer Herb Rosenbaum, Alex Smith-Attorney,  
Tim Moore-Building Inspector, Mary Ann Allen-Town  
Clerk

Invocation was given by Sam Pearson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Approval of July 11, 2023 Work Session Minutes:** Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sam Pearson seconded. Bobby Rhodes and Carl Randall abstained. All others voted yes and motion passed.
- **Approval of July 11, 2023 Regular Session Minutes:**  
A correction to the minutes was presented by Ramzi Malek. The amounts for dredging needs and the formal inspection of the dam and spillway, that he discussed during his report for the Lake Preservation Committee, needed to be included. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections added as stated above, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Bobby Rhodes and Carl Randall abstained. All others voted yes and motion passed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Building and Grounds - Carl Randall**

No Report

### **Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush**

No Report

### **Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson**

The Ordinance Committee came to a decision about the ordinance on bladder boats which is reported which was discussed during the Work Session

### **Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson**

No Report

### **Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck**

They are working on completing the list of repairs that was approved at the June 6, 2023 meeting.

### **Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes**

The committee held their monthly meeting July 31, 2023 and will have their next meeting August, 28, 2023. All is going well with CRI and PayWerx. They will meet with the auditor, Gregg Hollon, August 9, 2023, at 4:30 pm. A budget meeting will be held Friday, August 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

## **OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon**

Chief Kon was at a Chiefs' Conference so Officer Rosenbaum was present to represent the department. He reported that the department answered twenty-eight calls for the month of July.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. Status on Ordinance HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats**

No further discussion than what was discussed during the Work Session. The Ordinance Committee decided that the Ordinance will remain the same and have the officers monitor activity and address problems as the occur.

### **2. Discuss amendment to HL 16-02 (Zoning Ordinance Sec 2.4)**

There was no further discussion before voting on the amendment.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the amendment to HL 16-04 and Sam Pearson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Ordinance – Prohibition of Business Activities for which there is no in-force applicable business license**

No change

**4. Rouse’s request to have Mackey Docks build a boat dock**

Tim Moore will meet with them and discuss plans.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the Rouse’s request if approved by Tim Moore after he evaluates the plans, and Carl Randall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5. Use of COVID Funds to cover cost of repair that was done to Brasher Creek Bridge**

As discussed during the Work Session, since there are sufficient funds in the Roads Account, that the Covid Fund did not need to be used to cover this expense.

**6. Tim Moore, Building Inspector**

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

**7. Dianne Arrington’s request to build a boathouse/rebuild dock**

Carl Randall made the motion to approve Dianne Arrington’s request and Ramzi Malek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Mike Diamond’s request to add roof to previously approved plans**

Carl Randall made the motion to approve Mike Diamond’s request and Sid Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. GoNetSpeed Franchise Agreement Renewal**

Nothing was discussed in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to accept the renewal and Sam Pearson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discuss Flotation Device**

Nothing was discussed in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session.

Sam Pearson made the motion to allow the Slalom Ski Course if lights are added for night visibility and a Hold Harmless Agreement is signed, and Bobby Rhodes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Discuss/Possible vote on purchase of equipment for Bobcat**

Sam Pearson made the motion to Table and Sid Nelson seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

**12. Other business items as determined by the Council.**

- Carl Randall discussed that the Finance Committee had talked about the need to hire a part time grant writer. This is something that they feel should be put in the 2023-2024 Budget. Mayor Moore is going to be looking for recommendations.
- Mayor Moore announced that the Christmas Festival that was talked about earlier in the year will not be possible this year, due to a lack of grants for the expense of the lights.
- Mayor Moore reminded everyone to spread the word about The Lady Lakers hosting the Breakfast Fundraiser and the upcoming Annual Fall Festival. There were flyers available for people to get and pass out. He also thanked the Lady Lakers for all that they do for the community and what a blessing they are.

With no other items needing to be discussed, Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn and Sam Pearson seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Chase Moore - Mayor