



TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023
6:00 PM
The Anchor**

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

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

Mayor Chase Moore called meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Sid Nelson discussed how the main problem is not the boat, but the operator of the boat. If someone causes damage, they need to be responsible. It was stated that leaving the Ordinance as written is probably the best option, and to start addressing problems when they occur. One suggestion was to have the Police Officers stop boats that they see causing concern and address the issue with them. Officer Rosenbaum stated that most people comply really well when given verbal warnings.

2. Status on Amendment to HL 16-01 – Zoning Ordinance Sec. 2.4

Attorney Alex Smith stated that he saw no problems with the amendment as written.

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

Research is still being done

4. Andrea Rouse's request to have Mackey Docks build a boat dock

Tim Moore will meet with the Rouse's and discuss their plans. They do not have a plan from Mackey Docks, but presented a drawing of their plans to build.

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

It was discussed that since there were 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

Tim wanted to remind everyone that his position requires him to take directions from the Mayor or the Council as a whole. He is not able to take orders and act on them, from just an individual.

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

Ms. Arrington has not hired a builder at this time, because she is waiting on approval first. She does have plans that outline and give measurements of the work she wants done. The original dock was 46.53 feet, but she plans on building it back at around 30 feet.

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

Mr. Diamond wants to add a roof to cover the structure that is already there.

9. GoNetSpeed Franchise Agreement renewal

Attorney Alex Smith explained that the agreement is a standard one, and that he saw no issues with the renewal. It would be for twenty years like the previous agreement. Someone asked how this would affect other companies that may want to do the same in the future. Attorney Smith stated that this agreement was not exclusive and that the Town could grant the same to other companies in the future.

10. Discuss Flotation Device

There have been concerns about a slalom water ski course that has been on the lake this summer. It was explained that it is set up on Friday afternoons and taken down on Sundays. Also, it was stated that the owner sets it up for anyone to enjoy. The main concern discussed is that it is not very visible for people boating out on the lake at night. One suggestion given was to clip lights on it to make it visible at night. Also, Attorney Smith stated that a Hold Harmless Agreement probably should be signed by the owner.

11. Discuss quotes for Bobcat Equipment

Chief Kon was asked to get quotes on equipment that could be used on the Bobcat, and he provided a handout from ACT

Equipment with the following quotes:

- New 2023 Ironcraft \$2,500
- New 2023 ABRA Equipment Brushfox HD 66” LF \$6,200
- New 2023 Ironcraft SERG48 \$1,200

Sam Pearson explained how the equipment could be used by the Town. It was suggested that more discussion about the pros and cons was needed, and it also, needs to be looked at by the Finance Committee.

12. Other business items as determined by the Council

No other business was discussed at this time

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore – Mayor