



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners Citizens Forum
June 2, 2014 City Hall – 6:30pm**

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- 1. Mayor Caster called the meeting to order at 6:30pm**
- 2. Attendance: In attendance at the meeting were:**

Mayor Craig Caster
Commissioner Barbara Glidden
Commissioner Mike Forte
Commissioner David Putnam

Commissioner Mary Stilwell
City Manager Jeff Repp
City Clerk Jane McMinn

Mayor Caster made the announcement that at the Citizens Forum you no longer have to sign up prior to speaking but when you come to the podium please sign the sheet and add your address.

- 2. Citizen Comments**

Ricky Rygg ~ 267 Holly Dr.

Mr. Rygg questioned when the engineering report would be ready for the Holly / Crabapple study. Commissioner Putnam replied that the Board was informed today that the report will be ready at the end of June and we will then set a date to review the report. Mr. Rygg asked when the ditch that leads from Elm to Cherry regarding the easement near Juniper was going to be taken care of. The ditch has been intentionally blocked by the property owner; this has caused the storm water to back up toward Crabapple and other areas. The board and city manager were made aware of this problem back in September 2013. City Manager Repp commented that this is with the city attorney and she is reviewing the legalities of what the city can do since there is no public easement that goes through that property. The Army Corps of Engineers and the State have no jurisdiction over this, so it will remain within the City's jurisdiction.

David Crawford ~ 241 Ash Rd.

Mr. Crawford said that there have been many statements that have been made referencing Nancy Crawford that are inaccurate. When people that are making statements they need to insure that they are accurate. Mr. Crawford went on record and said that he will take offense to anyone who uses Nancy Crawford's name when making statements that are not factual.

Mr. Crawford commented that the engineering report does not really address the lake level and is using data that is incorrect and it seems there are a lot of assumptions that need to be clarified. He presented to the board several pictures spanning over a number of years along with and a map taken from Brunswick County GIS showing his property; and also pointed out the pictures of the plants that are growing and commented that we need to be very protective of these plants regardless of what the lake level is. City Manager Repp suggested that Mr. Crawford email a list of his questions and Mr. Repp would forward the questions to SunGate for their response.

William Sraver ~1073 Grant Circle

Mr. Sraver is Commander of Island X5 Seabee Veterans of America. We have a program called Rails, Ramps and Repairs for Veterans. Currently we are building a ramp at 285 Cedar Rd. in Boiling Spring Lakes and we are charged a fee for the building permit. Mr. Sraver asked the Board if they would be willing to wave this fee for any ramps or repairs that are made for disabled veterans.

Neil Worden ~ 1256 Grace Rd.

Mr. Worden stated that the report seems to base everything on the recommendation of lowering the level based on old reports from the Corps of Engineers that discusses raising and lowering lake levels that could potentially cause sink holes. As a casual observer we had issues with sink holes during drought stricken times. The decision that is made should be based on sound factual information.

Dorothy Boyd ~ 1150 Grace Rd.

Our property has been adversely affected by the raising of the lake level; we have lost 8 feet of our property since the level has been adjusted higher. Mrs. Boyd thanked the Board for contracting with SunGate Engineering for their expertise to establish the correct water level of Spring Lake. Based on the result of the engineering report the board will make their informed decision. Now my concern is that I am hearing people are now questioning the facts of the report which makes me think we have wasted our \$10,500 to get this report. This is why the engineering firm was hired.

Dawn Worden ~ 1256 Grace Rd.

Mrs. Worden commented that possibly in the area of the Boyd residence behind their home there is a peninsula and it is a very marshy area and questioned possibly there may be something that is keeping more water in that area and suggested asking SunGate about this possibility. She also stated that we are making more out of the sink holes. Mrs., Worden also commented that the Army Corps of Engines states that over withdrawal of ground water (drought) actually causes sink holes, the Corps also states that diverting surface water from a large area and concentrating it in a small point, artificially creating new ponds or drilling of new water wells can also cause sink holes. No where did it say in the report that a small increase in a lake level would cause a sink hole. Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will make everyone happy.

Dorothy Boyd ~ 1150 Grace Rd.

Mrs. Boyd commented that the people across the lake from the Worden residence are flooded.

Audrey Carathanasis ~ 1281 Spring Lake Dr.

I would like to know why the civil engineering position has not been advertised or appeared on the website. City Manager Repp replied that it will be out on Wednesday.

Marge Pennington ~ 301 So. Shore Dr.

Mrs. Pennington asked if the old phone number was on the website for people to use so they will not be charged. City Manager Repp said in July when the new phone books come out there will be a toll free 800 number that people can use to call BSL but we will still have our main number 910-363-0025. Mrs. Pennington asked Commissioner Putnam for an update on the rewriting of the ordinance for the Appearance Committee. Commissioner Putnam said there is a draft and it will be submitted to our board for review.

David Crawford ~ 241 Ash Rd.

Reiterated that he is angry about the report, it is biased and there is so much inaccurate information. We have to understand what the lake level was before the pipe was put on. I believe the level right now is pretty close to where it should be.

Sylvia Wagner ~ 292 No. Hills Dr.

Ms. Wagner thanked city staff on the update of the electric sign and the sign should be up and running in a couple of weeks. City Manager Repp informed everyone that the work-order has been signed with Grandwell for the updated software which is needed and will be installing it in a couple of weeks. Also Mrs. Wagner stated her concerns about the appearance of the commercial corridor stating that the cities goals are to attract new business to the area. She mentioned that there are areas that need to be made to look more attractive such as the entrance walls, grass that needs to be kept cut and kept neat and trimmed. Also mentioned were the welcome signs on both ends of the city that they could use fresh mulch and plants. According to the City Code of Ordinances for the Appearance Committee they should take note of their ordinance and follow it.

Nancy Crawford ~ 241 Ash Rd.

Mrs. Crawford also stated that the engineering report is biased, cherry picked and full of inaccurate, conflicting information. Mrs. Crawford stated that she has never been interviewed by the engineering firm. It was stated that the people who want the water level lowered have been interviewed, but the people that think the water level should stay at the current height have not been interviewed.

Ed Wilkie ~ 142 Pike Rd.

I have been interviewed by the engineer and also my next door neighbor was interviewed. We were both interviewed on the same day.

3. **Adjourn**

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Putnam and seconded by Commissioner Stilwell.

Vote 5 ~ 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

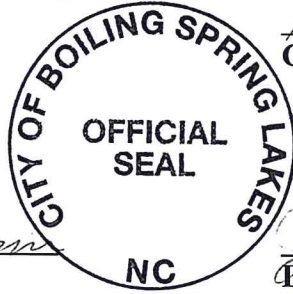


Craig Caster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jane McMinn, City Clerk





Date July 1, 2014