



City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners Citizens' Forum
October 26, 2021
City Hall – 6:00 pm

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1. **Call to Order ~ Mayor Craig Caster**

Mayor Caster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Attendance ~ in attendance at the meeting were ~**

Mayor Craig Caster	Commissioner Thomas Guzulaitis
Commissioner Dana Witt	Commissioner William Clark
Commissioner Teagan Perry Hall	City Clerk Nancy Sims

3. **Citizens' Forum Comments**

Marge Pennington – 301 S. Shore Drive

She wanted to thank the commissioners. They had problems with ATMC. While installing fiber they destroyed the top of her driveway. After many calls, ATMC said the contractors would be fixing those problems. It took a long time to fix. Thank you for not paying them until they completed the job in a better manner. A lot of people appreciate that.

Karen Hartigan – 801 S. Shore Drive

Is South Shore Drive paving all done and if so, will it be striped? Commissioner Guzulaitis stated he believed the contract included striping.

Michael Hartigan – 801 S. Shore Drive

He is going to his expand dock. Since there is no water in the lake, his understanding is that docks don't require railing when there is no water. Can we modify existing docks or build new ones while no water is in the lake and not have to install a railing later. Mayor Caster asked Ruth Bek to answer that. Ms. Bek said no, it is in the building code because of the drop. However, you don't have to put up a normal dock such as one with all the pickets, but you may have to have them after the lake is full on the deepest part of the lake.

Rodney Dean – 812 Trevino Road

He purchased a home here three years ago. He has a neighbor whose property looks awful. Code Enforcement has been to his house two times to look at the property. He was then told that the case was closed. Now Code Enforcement indicated they drove by again last week. He can't sell his house if he wanted. Something needs to be done. Mayor Caster said will he look into that.

Roger Samson – 651 Trevino Road

He recalled during previous BOC meetings there was talk about road paving with plans to do Trevino Road at Fifty Lakes Road, and that it was in the budget. Now you say we are looking into the paving. He is wondering why the change.

Last year there was discussion about a dog park and the commissioners voted it down. Is that a possibility in the future? A lot of people would like that. Not sure what the liability is to the City, but that might be something that should be discussed. Commissioner Guzulaitis stated on this month's agenda there is an item about dogs in the park. There is a lot of interest for that with the P&R advisory board. They wanted to purchase a parcel for that but we were unable to get that parcel. He can't speak for the commissioners but he supports it. Commissioner Witt said it sounds reasonable. Commissioner Hall said there is one on Fish Factor Road and there is also one in Town Creek Park.

Commissioner Guzulaitis added with regard to paving, we were unable to complete paving all of Fifty Lake Drive and he understood the frustration. The reason that delay came into play is at some point we are going to have trucks driving down those roads which are state maintained and so the idea was we don't want to sink a lot of money into Fifty Lakes Road and then have construction trucks destroy it.

Mr. Robertson – 276 Crab Apple Road

He moved here two years ago and asked when the lakes will be refilled. Commissioner Guzulaitis said on the website under Hurricane Florence is the updated information. That information is subject to change.

Mr. Robertson also said every year there is a \$25 fee on vehicle tax, which we were told is for potholes in the road. He has an issue with that because on Funston Road there are potholes everywhere. Commissioner Hall stated Funston Road is not BSL.

His last issue was with Code Enforcement. There are a couple of mobile homes near him, and he wanted to know why it takes so long to get these properties cleaned up. Now it is up for sale and really distressed. That needs to be addressed.

Jerry Wolf, Sr. – 1059 Acacia

He wants to again talk about the stormwater improvement program. Nothing has been done on Fifty Lakes Road along the Sunny Point ditch and he was curious where that stands. Has someone talked to Sunny Point about going under the road and cleaning out the ditch? After Hurricane Florence it cost him \$14,000 to repair his home. With the recent rains the lake was rising. There is no stormwater action to help with the water. Who is responsible for contacting Sunny Point? Mayor Caster said the City manager recently had an appointment with Sunny Point; these issues are being dealt with. Commissioner Guzulaitis stated two months ago the City awarded the contract to have the culvert under the railroad taken care of. Not sure when they will mobilize, but you should start to see some improvements and construction in the near term. There are also efforts to look at ARPA funds for other stormwater issues. Sit tight there is some activity going on. Commissioner Witt added staff is also in the process of getting easements to clean out the ditches around the city.

Lastly, the permanent pump at Pinecrest and Bayside didn't work during the last rain storm. It pumps water from the little pond to the Sunny Point ditch and it never worked. Curious if it works now. Commissioner Guzulaitis will check with the City manager on that.

Roger Samson – 651 Trevino Road

Several people have problems with the commissioners meetings and the agenda. You want the citizens here and to be open, but you bring up topics in code with numbers and we have no idea what you are talking about. Then you vote for it or against it. Commissioner Guzulaitis asked for an example. Mr. Samson did not have an example, but said let the citizens know what you are talking about if you bring it up during a commissioners meeting. Commissioner Hall said the agenda is posted on the website usually about a week before the meeting. If you click on the paperclip it opens up a new page where there is additional information about the item. Commissioner Guzulaitis said there is typically a staff report on there and you can see it just like we can. Kim Sherwood added there is a binder in the lobby where the entire agenda packet is kept so you can look at it in addition to its being online.

Marge Pennington – 301 S. Shore Drive

At the Meet the Candidate's Forum, the tiny house/slash container homes were brought up and a lot people didn't know what the state ruling was on that. A lot didn't know we already had tiny homes in the city. What ordinance covered the building of those tiny houses? Mayor Caster said there is nothing we can do about square footage any more from the State. We can just enforce being built to code. He provided the example, St. James can do it because they are a HOA. If BSL would become an HOA the state couldn't tell us what to do. Further discussion took place about tiny homes and minimum housing. Ruth Bek said there is a caveat in the state statute about minimum housing code. If you as neighbors want to come together and petition us to do this, there is a caveat and a way to do it. But it has to be initiated by the property owners in the area.

Stephanie Hall – 758 N. Shore Drive

One of our issues is we were zoned R-1 when our house was built and we now have houses around us under 1,100 square feet. She spoke to people with the State who said we should look into how it got passed here. Mayor Caster replied it came from the State. Ms. Bek advised what the statute says.

Governor Cooper hasn't passed the budget and she is interested in what the next step is in terms of getting the lakes and dams back in order. The bids were 2 to 4 years after the funds are received and she is not anticipating Governor Cooper passing the budget any time soon. She is concerned what the next steps are if the budget is not passed. Commissioner Guzulaitis responded he didn't know where the budget negotiations would lead, nobody can tell. The secondary plan is to get something written at the federal level on a spending bill that would force his hand at the federal level. If we can get that onto a bill and get it passed at the federal level that would force FEMA to go back to their original funding plan which was 75% FEMA and 25% State.

Roger Samson – 651 Trevino Road

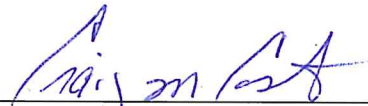
He was intrigued by the comment to join an HOA. When he first moved here there was a POA and it was on the way out because there was no interest. It may be a good idea now. Can something like that be put on a ballot so we can vote to start an HOA?

Paul M. Drosseau – 1811 Pinehurst Road

The Public works building was condemned. He is wondering if there was any update on that. Is there any plan to move forward to get it right? Ms. Bek said staff has met with an electrician and are moving forward. The first thing to do is to move the dust collection system. 1 cent of the tax increase went to this issue.

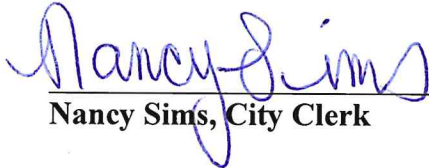
4. Adjourn ~

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Craig Caster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy Sims, City Clerk

12/7/21

Date