



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Public Hearing/Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Brown; Commissioners Woody Tyner, Brian Murdock, Mike Sullivan and Pat Kwiatkowski; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Police Chief Jeremy Dixon; Inspections Director Tim Evans; Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson; and Public Works Director Chris Clemmons. The meeting was streamed on the Town's Facebook page and an opportunity for comments was provided prior to the meeting due to the restrictions in place for COVID-19.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021

Town Clerk Finnell explained that there is a new regulation that when there is a public hearing, you need to wait 24 hours from the end of the hearing before action is taken during a remote meeting. We are not technically meeting remotely since the Board is here, but since the public is not, we should abide by the new regulation.

Town Manager Hewett said the budget ordinance as presented tonight has been prepared as directed by the Board, along with three administrative refinements that have been made subsequent to the budget message being delivered. We had a late addition to this year's fiscal year budget for Florence and Michael Category Z. The Florence addition is \$798,000 and Michael is a \$427,000 addition in the BPART Fund. Both of those are a zero-sum cost to the budget. They are administrative in nature. The one police officer that was directed by the Board was added as a detective position. The increased cost is reflected in the budget. The Governing Body expense entitled Available for Appropriation in the amount \$197,821 is in effect a contingency appropriation and as such violates the Fiscal Control Act, which limits such an appropriation to no more than 5% of all other appropriations in the same fund. That means we are probably about \$40,000 more in the contingency fund as it is written than it should be. There are a number of ways that could be remedied. Without the benefits of the Board's discussion, he would hesitate to put anything forward. It may be that during discussions, it takes care of itself.

Highlights include that the tax base is estimated at just under \$1.351 billion; the use of the Beach and Inlet Capital Reserve Fund to pay specific debt service on the special obligation bond and several other beach related expenses in the amount of just under \$1.5 million; maintaining the current tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100; a contribution equal to \$0.02 of the ad valorem tax collection is to be transferred to the Beach and Inlet Capital Reserve Fund; and reduction of the sewer assessment from \$497.30 to \$370. The budget in front of the Board provides for an estimated General Fund balance of 77%. It also prepares for the construction of FEMA Hurricanes Florence and Michael storm damage mitigation projects. Collectively,

those Category G expenses come in at about \$24.4 million. There is the addition of one police officer in this budget and the procurement of three police vehicles. Construction upgrades for sewer lift station III and the engineering for station II are in the proposed document. Financing for both upgrades is recommended. It also includes a lease purchase acquisition of a sewer vacor truck at \$366,000. Appropriations are made for a second water tower evaluation and a water sewer capacity study. The budget before the Board ensures that the three canal subdivisions navigability is maintained by ensuring permits are current and conducting spoil area maintenance. It also provides for continued federal, state and local beach, inlet and waterway advocacy. It provides funding for a 2% performance-based merit pool; continues the rollback and recycling programs; paves the second half of Brunswick Avenue; and procures two replacement trucks, one in beach and one in Water and Sewer.

Town Manager Hewett said the General Fund comes in at \$3.63 million, the Water and Sewer Fund is \$5.06 million, the BPART Fund is \$28.3 million, the Holden Beach Harbor Canal Dredging Fund is \$960,000, Heritage Harbor is \$634,000, Harbor Acres is \$1.1 million, the Water Capital Reserve Fund is \$99,000, the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund is \$47,000 and the Beach and Inlet Capital Reserve Fund is estimated at \$2.24 million. The grand total for this year's budget is just over \$42 million.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said we have \$40,000 under Lockwood Folly Dredging. She asked if that is based on the past history of the alternate year when we don't put sand on the east end and it is just the sidecaster. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson responded that is correct, but we will still have a conversation with the Corps about the upcoming project. Commissioner Sullivan said when he looks at the revenue for BPART he sees the bottom line of \$28 million. He asked how much carryover we have from the end of the year. Town Manager Hewett said those are fund balances. The fund balance in the BPART Fund as it is today is probably about \$3.2 million. He confirmed that is in addition to the sand fund. He explained that the \$24.4 million for Florence and Michael, along with the \$1.3 million are basically reimbursement funds. This is an operational budget. That is money you need to pay and then you get reimbursed for it. What you see in the Inlet and Beach Capital Reserve Fund is the reserve fund set specifically for that. The \$3.2 million is the unobligated BPART Fund.

Town Clerk Finnell said there are about 40 comments before the Board. The comments have been placed on the website and copies have been provided to the Board. Commissioner Tyner said he sent an email to a list of folks he has compiled asking for their input on concerns he has. He asked that the Board review the comments before a decision is made.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Holden asked for a moment of silence and then called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Tyner to approve the agenda as presented; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Tyner to approve the minutes of the Emergency Meeting of April 30, 2020, the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2020 and the Special Meeting of May 28, 2020; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA/GENERAL ITEMS

No comments were submitted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 20-10, BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021

Town Manager Hewett said the 5% contingency issue is probably in the \$40,000 range. He thinks actions the Board may take may remedy that. Commissioner Tyner stated given the input he received and the comments the Town received, the majority of the feedback was in favor of adding three policemen to this year's budget.

Motion by Commissioner Tyner to amend the current budget ordinance to add three additional policemen. No second was made.

Motion by Commissioner Murdock to add one additional police officer to the one we already added for a total of two to the budget; second by Commissioner Tyner.

Commissioner Murdock explained it is one additional to the one the Board already added for a total of two. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she wants to make sure the Board will still have an investigation into part-time help in the summer. Commissioner Sullivan responded that is another agenda item.

The motion passed by a 3 – 2 vote with Commissioners Tyner, Murdock and Kwiatkowski voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Commissioner Sullivan voting in the negative.

Commissioner Tyner said in addition to the officer, we need a vehicle to go along with the officer. Town Manager Hewett said at the last meeting the Board defined a police officer to include all the accoutrements that went with him. He asked the Board to tell him if his understanding was not correct.

Motion by Commissioner Tyner to amend the salary pool for merit increases from 2% to 3%; second by Commissioner Sullivan.

Commissioner Tyner said at the last meeting the Board said they didn't have the information to base the merit amount on. He did some research. Corporations are looking at 3 to 3.5%. The county is looking at 2% across the board for satisfactory performers and on top of that anywhere from 0.5 to 3.5% for merit.

He said he considers the county to be one of our competitors. He made his motion based on that information and the feedback he solicited. Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated by the end of the summer, we will know what our occupancy tax looks like. She said we could always add something before the end of the year. To her being conservative now she would like to do 2% and look at changing it in the fall. Commissioner Tyner asked if all annual reviews are at the same time or spread out. Town Manager Hewett replied it is based on the evaluation date. Evaluations are based on a score. He said he guesses you could go back and make an adjustment to the percentage if extra funds are approved later. Commissioner Sullivan said the Board just approved hiring a whole new policer officer and the package, which comes to over \$100,000. That's looking at the same budget, not knowing if the Town will have the money to pay for that. He stated now we are going to be concerned about adding another \$10,000 for the people who have been working for the Town. Commissioner Sullivan doesn't follow that logic. If the Town doesn't have the money to give to current workers, then how can we possibly add two police officers. He is in favor of giving people 3% now. If the Town can absorb two policer officers, it can absorb the \$10,000.

The motion passed by a 4 – 1 vote with Commissioners Tyner, Murdock, Sullivan and Kwiatkowski voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Brown voting in the negative.

Motion by Commissioner Sullivan that we adjust the current budget to lower the tax rate by two cents as was suggested by the town manager in the original budget message; second by Commissioner Tyner.

Commissioner Sullivan said he has been on the Board for three years. Two of those three budget messages originally contained a two-cent reduction in taxes. We have always had the money to do it. When we did the Central Reach Project (CRP) we had to raise taxes fifteen cents. We did it because that is what it was going to cost to do the project. Before the project began, a hurricane came through. The Town received \$4 million from FEMA. Commissioner Sullivan stated that the people who voted for the tax increase admitted they never would have asked for the \$0.15 tax rate if they knew. The Board took \$3 million of the \$4 million and put it back because they had taken from the BPART Fund. He said the Town had \$1 million. His feeling is that money belongs to the taxpayers. He said for three years we could have given taxpayers tax relief. He asked if you would keep putting money into the bank if you were saving money to buy a home, but all of a sudden a rich uncle passed away and left you enough money to purchase the home. He said we have the money to take care of the beach. Commissioner Sullivan is in favor of giving the two cents back to the taxpayer.

Commissioner Tyner said the Town raised taxes by \$0.15 to do the project, but then had a hurricane and received \$4 million. He inquired if the \$4 million was the total of the project. Commissioner Sullivan responded no, but if they knew the \$4 million was coming, they would have borrowed \$8 million, instead of \$12 million. Commissioner Tyner said in the email he sent out, a majority said they would like the money to be set aside for future money for sand. Listening to some of the facts as Commissioner Sullivan is laying them out, he is sure some would like to see a tax decrease. He needs to think before the vote is taken. Commissioner Murdock said the majority he has heard from would like to leave it alone. Commissioner Sullivan said he thinks that most people aren't aware that we are sitting on \$28 million. He would venture to guess that if they were aware of the facts that they would agree it doesn't make sense to put more money into a fund that already is well financed and for the foreseeable future there is no reason to increase the fund. Commissioner Tyner stated he thinks when they talked at the budget workshop, they talked about saving for rainy a day, if something happens a year from now that is not a storm and we need money to fix the beach. Commissioner Sullivan said we have \$6 million for that. Commissioner Tyner said

the question is if \$6 million is enough. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said the CRP took \$15 million. She would be more comfortable if the Town had \$10 million. She said we had a serious year of hurricanes; we will get reimbursed for fixing our beach. That will start the clock again for how many years it takes to erode the beach if there are no major storms. Then we will look again at how much to save over a 10 – 15 year period. She stated that doesn't mean we stop saving because we will need money at some point. Commissioner Sullivan said when the Board started putting money aside, that was the plan. That in 10 years the Town would probably need to replenish the beach again. If you go out to the beach now, it is at least 30 – 40 feet wider than it was before the CRP was commenced. We are going to add more sand to the beach and it will be much wider than it was at the end of the CRP. Therefore, we are talking about what we will be doing 10 – 20 years down the road. Commissioner Sullivan said he knows right now that we are better off borrowing money than saving money over the long term. If you take the \$250,000 and give it back to the people, they are going to get 10 times the benefit than they are having to pay the interest on the money that you are going to borrow.

The motion did not pass with Commissioner Sullivan voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Commissioners Tyner, Murdock and Kwiatkowski voting in the negative.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SUGGESTED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated she thought the Board could get the rules finalized and approved. She has two reservations on what the attorney recommended. On page 60, the topic Exclusions, she disagrees with eliminating h. It had been in the rules before. She would rather that section stay. On page 62 she has no problem with eliminating the section on No Assurance, but she doesn't see a problem with e. If someone gets difficult, she thinks it is the Board's option to stop them. Under decorum, she agrees with taking out g, but she disagrees with the other changes highlighted in yellow and would rather keep them. They were not new, they were carryovers. Commissioner Tyner asked for Commissioner Sullivan's opinion on Page 60, Topic Exclusion. Commissioner Sullivan said the argument is that if you have it open for comment you can't control what the person wants to comment on. If they want to talk about a specific item, they should be free to do that and we are not in the position to prohibit that. The question is if h potentially violates free speech. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said when people speak it should be on Town business. Candidacy is not Town business, it is personal. Commissioner Tyner said he reviewed the changes. On page 60, section h, he was okay with that. He agreed people should not be making political statements so he is okay with what Commissioner Kwiatkowski is suggesting.

Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that we adopt the Suggested Rules of Procedure with the one change on page 62, Section G, No Assurance is removed.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski only wants no assurance removed.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyner and approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 20-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 30.11: TERMS OF OFFICE; FILLING OF VACANCIES

Town Clerk Finnell explained that in July of 2017, the Board voted to amend the Town’s charter to implement four-year staggered terms for the commissioners. The Code of Ordinances was never updated with the change. This is an administrative correction.

Motion by Commissioner Sullivan to adopt the proposed ordinance; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Town Clerk Finnell stated that in the packets there is a list of terms expiring. Some can serve again. She has checked with everyone and heard back from all, but one person. Everybody, except for one is interested in serving again. Those members can be put back in their spots, but there will be a couple of spots that will need to be filled. Normally we do interviews, but we cannot do interviews right now the same as we have in the past. She asked for guidance from the Board on the interview process. Commissioner Tyner inquired if the boards who lose their chairman would have the remaining members pick a new one. Town Clerk Finnell responded yes and explained that the only board meeting right now is the Board of Commissioners so there is not a problem if the Board wants to wait. Town Clerk Finnell reviewed the different terms on the boards. She has not heard from Stu Atwell and Ronda Dixon does not want to serve another term.

Commissioner Sullivan suggested re-nominating the ones who are on the boards and still want to be there. For the new candidates the Board can wait and do it like it has been done traditionally. Commissioner Tyner said he likes the idea of moving alternates into permanent positions. Town Clerk Finnell said she can have ballots for the July meeting.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO HIRING A FIRM TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION TO DETERMINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES

Commissioner Sullivan stated the Town has been sitting around with a system development fee schedule that doesn’t reflect the cost or the analysis that was done to establish it. He provided background on the process. The Board went through the process as a Town. There was some pushback once that was done. The fees that were established were rescinded and the prior fees were reinstated without any real analysis or logic. There was some debate on it and it was going to be discussed, but in the interim there was a lawsuit against Oak Island. The determination of that lawsuit put a hold on having another analysis done. The lawsuit is complete. Commissioner Sullivan said it is clear the undeveloped properties can be assessed the cost. He thinks it is time to ask the town manager to put out bids to ask a firm to conduct an analysis under House Bill 436. The request is to have an analysis conducted and then to establish a fee that is based on facts.

Motion by Commissioner Sullivan that we have the town manager seek bids to conduct an analysis to comport with the requirements of House Bill 436; second by Commissioner Kwiatkowski.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated when we went through all of this, the commissioners proposed that it was temporary and we would have a several months cooling off period to reflect and come back to the issue. This is picking up what had been agreed to a couple of years ago. Commissioner Tyner said he is assuming the Board would not pick the same firm that did the analysis last time. Town Manager Hewett explained in North Carolina you do not make the selection of an engineering firm based on bids. You put a request for qualifications forward. If you are going to select an engineering firm, it is based on qualifications, not bids. Financial professionals are a different animal. Commissioner Tyner said he personally would prefer to find a different firm than the previous one. He has nothing against the previous firm, he would just like a different opinion. Commissioner Murdock asked if it is the Board or the town manager that will decide. Town Manager Hewett said Commissioner Sullivan's motion was for him to administratively put forward a request for qualifications for Board to consider the selection of the firm. Commissioner Sullivan agreed.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO INCREASED POLICE RESOURCES

Commissioner Sullivan said he thought the idea was that the Board discussed the budget and was going to hire one officer with the understanding that the Board would then look into the feasibility of using seasonal officers. Since the Board decided to hire two officers, the necessity of this has been lessened. He said it is still a good idea to find out the cost of having seasonal officers and the utility, benefits and detriments of having them.

Motion by Commissioner Sullivan that a committee comprised of the chief of police, the town manager and two Board members investigate the feasibility of hiring seasonal police officers for the Town of Holden Beach commencing in the next budget year and have the report ready for the Board to consider by March of next year so it can be considered during the budget period.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she thought Chief Dixon mentioned he would need to know in a January timeframe. Chief Dixon agreed earlier would be better.

Commissioner Sullivan amended his motion that the report be presented to the Board at the December meeting; second by Commissioner Kwiatkowski.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated part of this had to do with putting police presence on the beach. Commissioner Sullivan said that will come with the report. He mentioned some of the items the committee can address. Including Inspections Director Evans was discussed. Commissioner Sullivan said one of issues that the committee will need to look at is how they will be utilized if they are hired. If they are to be used on the beach, they would seek Inspections Director Evans' input.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POTENTIAL ISSUES

Commissioner Tyner explained Lou Cutajar is a resident on the island. He puts out a newsletter once a month that summarizes his opinions of what is going on in the Town. His last newsletter had loose ends,

with a number of items that the Board has worked on and has not completed. He appreciates Mr. Cutajar making the Board aware. Commissioner Tyner asked if the Board should consider prioritizing some of the issues. They knocked off two of the items tonight. Commissioner Murdock said he thinks the Board needs to deal with them. He has been in meetings where these were discussed. He said a lot of people put work into these items where a decision could have been made. He recommended working on a couple a month or coming up with a strategy to work on them. Commissioner Tyner reviewed some of the items and suggested seeing if they could get volunteers to move the items forward.

Town Manager Hewett asked how these items relate to the Board's goals and objectives that they established. The goals and objectives are what the budget was formulated on and serves as the strategic items the Board will work towards. Commissioner Tyner said he does think that before the Board takes action they need to go back and compare it against the objectives. He said he thinks a number of the items will fit under the objectives. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said a number of these were in progress to be finalized in March and April then the Board went into just doing mandatory business. She reviewed some of the items. Town Manager Hewett said the staff is actively engaged on many of the items. We have been operating in a crisis mode since COVID-19 came down. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said we were very close to the Land Use Plan. The longer we put it off, the harder it is to bring it back with everyone being on the same page. It is in the Board's hands to finalize some of the items, rather than more work being needed by staff. These are things that were ready to be signed off on and we stopped for good reason. She doesn't think we need to wait to bring them back because they were on their last comment. Town Clerk Finnell stated for the house issue and the Land Use Plan, public hearings are required so they intentionally were not put on the agenda. She suggested waiting to hold those hearings until the public could attend in person. You can do it, if the Board is willing to hold the hearing where the public is not in the room. Commissioner Tyner said he apologized if Town Manager Hewett took his comments to mean staff is not doing anything. He is well aware that staff had to put a lot of time into the crisis of COVID-19. He would try to move things forward now that things are getting somewhat back to normal. Town Manager Hewett said as long as the governor has a State of Emergency in place, there are rules and our normal operations are drastically altered. The inspector and the CAMA officer ride around in their trucks. They are not in the building. He said the staff is engaged on all of the issues. Staff has either not been able to bring it to the Board or there are other concerns.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski suggested revisiting this in July. Everyone can review the items so there is a clearer idea on what the discussion should be. Mayor Pro Tem Brown said it seems that COVID-19 is dictating everything right now and before any decisions are made they should give it a little while. He stated none of these are real pressing issues that need to be done today. He said we may need to wait longer than a month.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Lift Station III Status – The second-floor slab is poured. Was privy to the progress meeting and we are on schedule.
- Brunswick County Issues – the county is looking at revising the terms of the sewer service agreement with the Town. That is aimed at the expansion of the total system for the regional partners. Will be getting into the details of that the second week of July. The Town's wholesale water contract with the county is up this year. The terms will remain in effect, but the county is looking at readdressing that contract in the next 24 months. The county received about \$2.57 million for COVID-19 related

expenses. The decision was made last night to distribute a portion of the funds to municipalities. The decision was made to distribute it in the same manner that sales tax is, i.e. per capita. Of the \$846,000 that is going to go to municipalities, the Town will get \$8,000.

- Lockwood Folly Inlet Crossing Maintenance Project – Appears to be complete after several iterations of dredging. From today’s survey it looks like there is a decent channel cut, but the buoys are out of alignment. We advised the Corps. There is a conference call Thursday with the Wilmington District to discuss the 50-Year Project and the Lockwood Folly Inlet Crossing Project, in addition to the least cost method of disposal.
- Corps/NC Long-term of Agreement – the quarterly meeting was held last week digitally. It was announced that the sand from the fiscal year 2021 AIWW Project is scheduled to go to Oak Island. There was \$3.8 million from the Shallow Draft Inlet and Aquatic Weed Fund that was reprogrammed from the fund to compensate for shortfalls in agriculture. They also shared with us that the demand for shallow draft inlet funds is nearing a point where administrators feel projects will become competitive.
- Central Reach Project (Florence/Michael) – Sand search and archeological continues on schedule. We are anticipating that the permit will be submitted in August.
- Recreation Programs Continue to Adapt– modified outdoor yoga program begins tomorrow at the Pavilion. Over \$400 in t-shirts have been sold to people interested in the do-it-yourself tide dye program. Had to push five concerts to later in the season. The intent is to have two concerts per week if the gathering guidelines permit.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Thinks probably the most important thing on his mind is the improvement in the overall activity on the island. For several weeks most people in property management were concerned whether or not the renters would return. From the Town’s perspective we were worried about occupancy tax money. Can ensure you that in the last three weeks we have gone from zero to 100 miles per hour with reservations. Every company he talks to and his company is doing all they can do to answer telephone calls. The people coming could possibly exceed last year for the summer and fall. Is encouraged that the Town will not suffer with occupancy tax unless there are hurricanes or something like that. Summer bookings are looking strong and solid. Sales activities have gone through the roof in the last weeks. The inventory is being reduced quickly. It is a good time for Holden Beach right now. The people who are coming here are glad to get out of the house and to be here. Things are looking up. Several comments have been made by visitors and residents that the island looks really good. Property owners have done a great job maintaining their homes and yards.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Brown

- No comment

Commissioner Tyner

- Thanked the staff for all the work they are putting in, especially during these difficult times.
- Thanked all the folks who took the time to respond to his email with feedback on the budget. Especially thanked those who disagreed with his points of view. Appreciates both sides of the arguments.

- Coastal Living ranked Holden Beach the number one beach in the state. It was great recognition of the community and what is going on at the beach.

Commissioner Murdock

- Excited to see this place come back to life. He is glad it has gotten better before it got worse. Encouraged people to stay safe and use their heads. Thanked staff, they kept it going. Thanked them for continuing to work. Because of that we were all able to continue with some kind of normalcy. Really appreciates that.

Commissioner Sullivan

- Asked if the playground is open. Mayor Holden replied no. Commissioner Sullivan suggested opening it. The basketball court is open. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said under the governor's proclamation playgrounds cannot be opened yet. She talked about what other area parks are doing. Commissioner Sullivan said that is another thing that doesn't make sense. He said those are guidelines. He would open it and let kids play.
- Asked the Town to include in the water bill the fact that the census is going on or to send a blast. We are still at 13%.
- Thanked the Board for making the adjustment in the 3% salary increase so we can show the people that we appreciate them.
- Can't wait for things to be open so people can bring life to the meetings.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- Echoed Commissioner Murdock's comment about everyone staying safe. Called her drugstore because she is due for her second shingles shot. They are still not doing them. They commented that they are waiting for more emergency protective equipment and right now we are going through a spike. Follow the distancing and wear a mask. Nice to see the grocery stores have paper goods again and are keeping up with demand. Things look a lot better than they did a couple of weeks ago. Thinks if everyone takes a little bit of care, we will have a great summer.

Mayor Holden stated he failed to mention the Holden Beach Chapel is having services again since last Sunday. All precautions that can be taken are being taken to make sure it is safe to be there. Everyone is invited.

Commissioner Sullivan said the Board agreed to form the committee for the seasonal officers, but didn't choose the two members to serve on it. The Board agreed Commissioners Sullivan and Kwiatkowski will be the members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A)(6) TO DISCUSS QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCE, PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.

Town Clerk Finnell read the reason for Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

The Board went into Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

RECESS

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown at 9:13 p.m. to recess until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk