



**TOWN OF STOKESDALE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
8325 Angel Pardue Road  
STOKESDALE, NC 27357  
June 14, 2018**

Present were Mayor John Flynt, Mayor Pro Tem Thearon Hooks and council members Tim Jones and Frank Bruno (Bill Jones was absent); Interim Town Clerk Alisa Houk; Budget Officer Philip Pulliam; Town Attorney John Bain; and about 12 citizens.

- I. Call to Order:** Mayor John Flynt called the monthly council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Invocation:** Layton Spencer gave the invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Mayor Flynt
- IV. Review and Adopt the Agenda:** Mayor Flynt requested that we drop the consent agenda items and make them regular agenda items. Frank Bruno asked to add discussion of computers for Stokesdale Elementary. Mayor John Flynt motion to add as number 11 on the agenda.  
Vote: 4-0 to approve the agenda adding Stokesdale Elementary computers as number 11 on the agenda.  
Tim Jones suggested removing the second citizens' comment period; Mayor Flynt said some might want to speak later in the meeting on something that occurred during the meeting, so he suggested retaining the second comment period.  
**Vote: To approve agenda 3-0 with Tim Jones voting Nay.**

- V. Approval of the Minutes:** Regular Town Council Minutes of May 10, 2018, Mayor Flynt requested amending the May 10 council meeting minutes to show the discussion of the staff holiday and paid time off policy was tabled because council members didn't have copies of the policy in their packets.  
**Vote: 3 - 1, with Tim Jones voting nay, to approve the minutes with the amendment regarding reason the paid time off policy was tabled.**

- VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Vicki White-Lawrence introduced herself and said she wanted to let the citizens of Stokesdale know about the plan being developed by Mayor Flynt and Mayor Pro-Tem Hooks and other community members to address the Opioid Epidemic. A few weeks ago, the group met including Rev. Walker to begin planning programs and meetings anyone interested in helping organize community forums focused on the opioid epidemic is asked to call Stokesdale Town Hall at (336) 643-4011. The group is hoping Jim Albright as

the first speaker. The first community forum will be held Sunday, July 15, at Oak Level Baptist Church. Vicki White-Lawrence also said she was glad to see agenda items that would provide opportunities for more volunteers. Mayor Flynt added that Pam and Bob Mick will not be coordinating the Christmas Parade Committee again this year and volunteers are needed. Vicki White-Lawrence also said she favors keeping the second citizens' comment period.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Safety:** Sheriff's District 1. Master Cpl. Nick Southern said the Guilford County Sheriff's Office responded to 669 calls in District 1 reaches from Brown Summit at the Rockingham County line all the way to the Forsyth County line. In May; 19 were Part 1 crimes, with 3 of those occurring in Stokesdale: embezzlement, a residential burglary and an aggravated assault. Southern said crime was down 34 percent in May compared to May 2017.

**2. Fire Department:** Chief Todd Gauldin reported 74 calls in May, 33 were fire-related and 41 were EMS calls. With hot weather, he advised those working outside to especially be mindful about staying hydrated. Chief Gauldin said the annual maintenance check of the fire hydrants has been completed and items of concern were documented and sent to Yates Construction Co. to be corrected and a copy has been given to staff at Town Hall.

## **Regular Agenda Items:**

**1. Approve Staff Holiday and PTO schedule and pay:** Frank Bruno motioned to adopt a Policy that provides

**12 paid holidays and additional accrued paid time off to fulltime employees working 32 or more budgeted hours a week. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion,**

**Vote: 4-0**

**2. Declare the Town's 2009 Dodge Charger as Surplus and advertise it for sale:** Tim Jones said he has been talking to an individual that is interested. Council discussed with Town Attorney John Bain on what exactly we can do to advertise the vehicle. Tim Jones prefers setting the minimum bid at \$1,000 and advertise it "as-is" within two weeks on govdeals.com. **Mayor Flynt motioned for Town Attorney Bain and Interim Town Clerk Alisa Houk to put the add together set the bid at \$1000. And advertise "as is". Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.**

**Vote: 4-0**

**3. Approve Pest Control Contract:** \$40.00/month for 12-month total; \$480.00 annually to treat interior and exterior of Town Hall building. **Mayor Flynt motioned to approve, Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.**

**Vote: 4 - 0 to approve a \$480 annual contract with Kallam Exterminators for monthly pest control.**

**4. Public Hearing to Adopt the 2018-19 Annual Budget:** Mayor Flynt asked Council if they had any questions. Tim Jones asked if they were voting on the entire Budget or voting on the General Fund Budget and Water Enterprise Budget as separate items. Mayor Flynt said they could vote on it either way they chose to. Mayor Flynt then asked if there were any Public Comments. Eileen Thiery asked if there were any plans to eliminate or limit how long people have to pay \$30.50 dry tap fees. She knows a lot of seniors on social security that this fee puts a hardship on. Mayor Flynt said as a matter-of-fact there is an item on this agenda to set a meeting time for



a discussion on the water system and the dry fee is going to be one of the topics. **Mayor Flynt then motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Budget as it was presented last month. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.**

**Vote: 3-1 with Tim Jones voting Nay.**

**Approval of two Budget Ordinance Amendments for the 2017-2018 General Fund and Water Enterprise Funds.** Tim Jones asked Mr. Pulliam what the \$9,000.00 expenditure was for. Mr. Pulliam stated that was for the new Security Cameras and Two Fire-Proof filing cabinets. **Mayor Flynt motioned to approve the Amendments. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion. Tim asked that the two amendments be numbered along with the minutes and included in the minute's book.**

**Vote: 4-0 to approve the General Fund and Water Enterprise budget amendments to the end of 2017-18.**

**5. Financial Report for May 2018:** General Fund total checking and savings \$2,857,351.73. Total General Fund Income \$223,615.34 which is at 53% of the budget. Total Administrative services \$135,613.00 at 94%. Total expenses \$219,501.77 at 57.1%. Water Enterprise account through May 31, Checking and Savings was at \$726,705.42. The Water and Sewer Fund was \$817,618.27. Total income was \$448,836.05 which is at 93.4% with \$368,218.49 in water sales. Total expenses were \$385,065.87 at 80.2%.

**6. Adopt HB 436:** R.J. Mozeley of engineering firm McGill Associates said a calculation for the allowable development fee for the town's water system under House Bill 436 had been modified since a public hearing May 24. As a result, the new cost per gallon per day dropped from \$6.42 to \$2.32 and the allowable development fee dropped from \$2,568 to \$928. Tim Jones asked why the calculation had been changed. He said wasn't the original figure significantly higher? RJ stated the modification was made after more research and more information was provided to his firm after the original meeting. The town originally received \$3 million from the state for the water system, that amount was ineligible for calculation as part of the water system's overall worth. **Thearon Hooks made the motion that Council use the current fee of \$750.00 and adopt the calculations under HB436 that McGill and Associates has set forth for us, that fee being (2.32/GPD (Gallons per day) cost of capacity, with Customer Demand GPD of 400 to equal \$928.00 cost per Unit Capacity). This formula will be available on the Town's website. Frank Bruno 2nd the motion for Council to continue to use the \$750.00 fee.**

**Vote: 4-0**

**7. Report from Property Committee:** Frank Bruno has been working on the bid to purchase an electronic sign for Stokesdale Elementary School. He doesn't have the final costs for the sign but said it would be no more than \$22,000. **Frank motioned to table the vote for the purchase of the sign until the July 12, 2018 Town Council meeting to vote, when he will have all of the information gathered and final cost. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion. Vote: 4-0 to hold the vote for purchase of the sign for Stokesdale Elementary until the July 12, 2018 meeting.**

**Second item under Property Committee: Town Park Shelter:** Frank Bruno said Council did vote in the 2017-2018 Annual Budget to do something in the Town Park, one of the items discussed was to purchase another shelter. Currently there is a little over \$46,000.00 sitting in the Capital Outlay Fund for these improvements. Frank said after checking with several different companies and getting several different bids on several different types of shelters the one he came up with is the Raleigh, manufactured by Enwood. Frank is working with the company we used previously to purchase the playground swings called Superior Recreations of the Carolinas. This shelter is similar to but larger than our current shelter. This shelter will be 24' X 36' with a shingled roof. Total cost including assembly, delivery, installation, and the concrete pad is \$ 29,734.00.



**Frank Bruno motioned to approve purchase of the shelter and authorize the Mayor or whoever they want to sign the acceptance of the bid and purchase order. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion.** Thearon Hooks asked some questions about the dynamics of the location and uses for the shelter in the park. There was also discussion of not only using the capital outlay funds but they could also use money left over from the \$33,333.00 grant money. It was agreed that they could do either. Tim commented that that he measured the shelter at Oak Ridge Park today at 16' X 32'. He doesn't have a problem with the type of construction or general concept of it. He just wants to know why we are doing this, in terms of what is the problem we are trying to solve. Tim said he has been supportive of some type of shade shelter to get young mothers with a young child out of the sun while an older child is playing on the playground. He said he wonders why we wouldn't consider to splitting the money up and buying 3 shelters and scattering them throughout the park. He brought a bid to the previous Council for a metal shelter that would withstand 130 mph winds and it was rejected. He said he accepts that, this is how the game goes. But before we get to far hear he feels like we are getting out to where we have to put a project out for bids. He would like to make sure we are okay with Mr. Bain reviewing the shelter contract to make sure the Town's interest is properly covered. Mayor Flynt said Council is looking into more uses for the Shelter in addition to young mothers using it for shade. The Mayor said he and other members of Council are looking at holding events much like Oak Ridge does to draw our citizens to the Town Park. Attorney John Bain recommends adopting the contract guideline like the other contracts we have recently followed. Frank Bruno agreed.

**Vote: 4-0 to purchase the shelter using contract guidelines suggested my Attorney John Bain.**

**8. Elevated Water Tank maintenance.** Mayor Flynt stated that we have been in meetings with and conversation with several companies. Basically, we have two different types of contracts. Utility Service Co. and S&ME have given us bids on draining and cleaning out the tank. One bid was approx. \$2300. The other was approx. \$ 2700. MBD Engineering sent a bid for both cleaning and painting the tank. Utility Service Company was referred to us by the Town of Madison and did maintenance on the tank for us in 2012, is out of Madison, NC. S & ME was referred to us by Meg Roberts of Hazen and Sawyer. S & ME, they do work for Greensboro and Winston Salem. S & ME has a 40-minute slide show presentation they would like to give us. Mayor Flynt said one issue we will have to discuss more is while the tank is being maintenance it could be down for as much as week and if we go with the big job of cleaning and painting, it could be down for about 30 days. Flynt said discussions continue with Winston-Salem and engineering firm Hazen and Sawyer about what can be done to ensure adequate water and a water source during the painting. Interim Town Clerk Alisa Houk stated she has been in conversation about options with Meg Roberts regarding water sources during this time. Meg did tell her that, if needed we can rent a hydraulic tank to pump the water in from Winston Salem. **Mayor Flynt motioned to postpone a decision on maintenance for the tank until the July 12, 2018 meeting when have more definitive information. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion, The council voted 4-0 to continue discussion to the July 12 meeting.**

**9. Discuss Development Ordinance Section 5-13.6:** Mayor Flynt stated this Ordinance Review Committee sent a recommendation to Council to make some changes to the Town's current requirement of anyone building within 1000 feet of the Town's water lines is required to hook on. The Ordinance Review committee as asked Council to amend to Ordinance the attached chart.

**Mayor Flynt motioned asked Attorney John Bain and Oliver Bass, the town's planner; to discuss and find out what the process for considering the Ordinance Review Committee's recommended changes to Section 5-13.6 of the Stokesdale Development Ordinance. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.**

**Vote: 4 - 0 for Attorney John Bain and Town Planner Oliver Bass to review.**



**10. Discuss RS-30 – RS-40 – 1 dwelling unit per acre:** Mayor Flynt said this comes as a recommendation from the Ordinance Review Committee to eliminate the RS-30 (residential single-family, minimum lot size 30,000 square feet) zoning district and require a minimum lot size of 1 acre. **Mayor Flynt motioned to have Attorney Bain and Oliver Bass look at the procedure for changing the Ordinance.** Frank Bruno questioned isn't this already addressed in our current Ordinance, that if it's residential it's RS-40, and it can only be changed by going through a Council vote. Mayor Flynt said what the Ordinance Review wants is to eliminate RS-30 altogether. Frank Bruno said he would hate to remove it completely, because there can always be circumstances that might need consideration. Mayor Flynt said the Ordinance Review Committee's main concerns were smaller lots, number of wells and septic systems and houses too big for the lots. **Frank Bruno 2nd the motion.**  
**Vote: 4-0 to have Attorney Bain and Oliver Bass look into the process of changing the Ordinance.**

**11. Discuss intent to Annex Town property, Town Hall and the Town Park into the town core in Stokesdale's Future Land Use Plan.** Mayor Flynt stated that the property at Stokesdale Elementary School is already connected to the town core, and the town-owned property is contiguous with the back of the school property. He has already discussed this with Attorney John Bain. Mr. Bain told him this was just a vote of Council; a Public Hearing was not required. Mayor Flynt also discussed this and received full support of the town's Planning Board, this annexation could possibly assist in providing more options for future grants. Tim Jones asked Attorney Bain how this annexation will impact the neighboring properties. He asked if the Interim Town Clerk needs to notify the neighboring property owners. Do these property owners have an interest that needs to be protected? Attorney Bain said he could not find any issues that would affect the adjoining property owners. **Mayor Flynt motioned to add the Town of Stokesdale's property to the Town Core. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion. Vote: 4-0 to add the Town of Stokesdale's properties to the Town Core.**

**12. Set a Work Shop meeting for June 21, 2018 at 7PM to meet with Yates Construction to discuss the water system.**

**13. Appoint Jimmy Landreth and Layton Spencer from alternates on the Planning Board to regular members.** Planning Board requested these appointments based on the number of meetings that the members attend. Jimmy Landreth and Layton Spencer were tied at the same number of meetings attended. **Mayor Flynt motioned to appoint Jimmy Landreth to a regular Planning Board member. Tim Jones 2nd the motion.**  
**Vote: 4-0 to appoint Jimmy Landreth.**

**Mayor Flynt motioned to appoint Layton Spencer as a regular Planning Board member. Frank Bruno 2nd the motion. Vote 4-0 to appoint Layton Spencer.**

**14. Discussion to purchase computers for 12 upper-grade teachers at Stokesdale Elementary School.** Frank Bruno was approached by Principal Chandler of the school and asked if the Town could assist them with the purchase of 12 ThinkPads for 12 teachers to assist them with teaching in the classrooms. **Frank Bruno reminded Council that we have helped the school with purchases before and he would like to motion to have the Town purchase the ThinkPads for the schools 12 teachers. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion.**  
**Vote: 3-1 to approve purchase of the 12 ThinkPads at \$545.00 each for Stokesdale Elementary School Teachers, with Tim Jones voting Nay.**

**OLD BUSINESS :**



1. **Discuss Resurfacing bids of Town Hall and Town Park:** Frank Bruno said he should have three estimates on the cost of repaving all paved surfaces at the town hall and park, and re-applying parking lines, before the July 12 meeting. The bids will be about \$20,000. **Tabled until July 12, 2018 TC meeting.**

2. **Discuss request from Keystone Homes to extend their Performance Bond** to build a landscaping buffer along Treeline Drive. Mayor Flynt said Keystone has requested Council to extend the Performance Bond of 9,240.00 that the Town accepted on May 26, 2016 and expired May 26, 2018 for two more years. Neighbors have complained that two years is plenty of time. Northwest Meadows citizens have complained about dogs barking on Treeline Drive. Residents on Treeline have complained about construction workers turning in Treeline by mistake because of the blur of lines. Mayor Flynt said considering the other issues that we have had we Keystone and the fact that this buffer is not time-consuming event. He feels that two years has been plenty of time for them to build this buffer. There was discussion amongst Council about whether to have Attorney Bain send Keystone a letter giving them 60 or 90 days to complete the buffer. Commie Johnson asked if this buffer was supposed to have included shrubs or trees. Mayor Flynt said he didn't know that answer. Commie Johnson said he was sure it probably did. He added that you can't plant trees and shrubs in July and August. Mayor Flynt said if they will just get the buffer built. Thearon Hooks added if they will build the buffer he doesn't have a problem with them coming back and planting later in the year. **Tim Jones motioned to have Mr. Bain send a certified letter to Keystone Homes to have them complete the buffer within 60 days of receipt of the letter. Frank Bruno 2nd the motion. Vote: 4-0 to have Mr. Bain send the certified letter.**

3. **Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance 67:** Mayor Flynt said this comes from the Ordinance Review Committee. They have worked to try to find the right wording for a number of years. The last draft former Town Attorney Katy Gregg said was not enforceable. The committee worked on it some more and could not come up with anything anyone was comfortable with so they have asked Council to Repeal Nuisance Ordinance 67. After some discussion and Frank bringing up they needed to wait until Bill Jones was available to attend a meeting it was decided **to table this until the July meeting.**

4. **Update on Hazen and Sawyer regarding the TTHM Violation Actions:** Mayor Flynt asked Interim Town Clerk Alisa Houk to give Council the latest information. Alisa Houk stated that she has been working closely with Meg Roberts from Hazen and Sawyer in compiling information regarding the water system and the Town's process of keeping the water quality at acceptable levels as well as the operation of the water system. Yesterday, June 13th Hazen and Sawyer sent a technician to install a monitor in the elevated tank to monitor the water flows. Meg has also sent a letter template for us to use to send to NCDEQ to address our plan of action. This letter is due to NCDEQ by June 30, 2018. **Mayor Flynt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter informing the state about action taken in response to a notice of violation issued Jan. 23 for exceeding "acceptable" total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) levels in the water system. The town has been in compliance since February. Thearon Hooks 2nd the motion. Vote: 4-0 for the Mayor to sign the letter and Alisa Houk to send it to NCDEQ**

**COMMITTEE/ADMIN REPORTS 180-day progress report. Thearon Hooks highlighted items that have been accomplished or addressed by the council since January:**

- \* Implementation of Monthly Emergency Services Reports From Stokesdale Fire Dept. and Guilford County Sheriff's Dept for Fire, Medical and Law Enforcement Calls Along with Information and Recommendations for the Welfare and Safety of Town Residents.



\*New Permanent Town Attorney With Municipal Law, Planning and Town Manager Experience.

\*New Computer Equipment With Up to Date Operating Platforms.

\*NC State Grant to Town of Stokesdale for \$33,000.00 for ongoing Project in Conjunction with Stokesdale Elementary School.

\*Implementation of CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) which is a Fiscal Investment Program of Municipal Funds to Maximize Competitive Earnings of the Town's Monetary Funds as required under NC Statute. FDIC Protected as well as Competitive Interest Rates for Maximum Interest Income of the Town's Funds. Also a Statutory Allowed "Municipal Money Market Account" with the Same FDIC Protections and Competitive Interest Rates to also Maximize the Town's Operating Funds is being established. This State Statute became Law in 2013 and the Town is Now Investing in Programs that are bringing Interest Earnings that will cover a Significant Percentage of the Town's Payroll from this point forward.

\*Stokesdale Water Tank Maintenance Bids in Place for Cleaning, Maintenance and Any Needed Repairs As Well As Other Recommendations Required to Insure Continued Water Quality and Service to Water Customers.

\*The Town is Voting Tonight on a Paid Holiday and Personal Time Off Package for Staff Positions which will start with the 2018-19 Budget Year.

\*Additional "No Trespass and No Motorized Vehicles Off Of Paved Areas" Signs have arrived to protect the Town's Property.

\*Up to Date Security System in Place Both in and around Town Hall and the Town Park.

\*Additional Full Time Deputy Clerk

**Property Committee:** Frank Bruno asked everyone if they noticed how nice the grounds around Town Hall were now looking.

\*He was able to set up a vendor that has done some much needed landscaping clean up. He is working on budgeting for the landscaping and grounds maintenance program to continue year round.

\* He is in talks with a company for resurfacing parking lots at the Town Hall and the Town Park.

\*One of our vendors is installing two park benches in the next week.

\*He is working with a website company on developing a new town website. We will have room to include Minutes, Agendas, and calendar events.

\*Our new fireproof filing cabinets have been delivered and are being put to good use.

\*Vicki White-Lawrence had started the search for a second shelter in the town park; and he has been able to continue her work and has it under control.



\*Update on the cleaning of the illegal spray painting on the Park building – We had someone come and clean the brick work. Had the doors repainted. Now they match the guttering which is kind of cool.

\*Frank would like to change the name of Christmas Holiday Parade Committee to the Events Committee/Christmas Holiday Parade Committee. He states that we have 10 different committees right now. He said the Christmas Holiday Parade Committee also helps with the Tree Lighting Ceremony every year. Why not make is an all-inclusive committee to cover other events as well. Some of Council has been talking about once the new Shelter is in place having events in the Spring and Fall. He would like to find a group of people that want to do something. He is looking for volunteers that would like to help plan and participate in different events. He told the citizens that some of Council has already discussed trying to put some kind of event together for this fall. **Thearon Hooks motioned for Council to create an Event Committee to include the Christmas Holiday Parade. And to get with Mr. Pulliam to amend the current line item in the budget to allocate a \$5,000.00 working budget. Frank Bruno 2nd the motioned. Vote: 3-1 to change the name to Events Committee/Christmas Holiday Parade Committee and to have Mr. Pulliam amends to budget to increase it to \$5,000.00. Tim Jones was the Nay vote.**

**Administrative Report: Interim Town Clerk Alisa Houk:**

Since the May 10, 2018 Town Council meeting the staff had fielded 294 phone calls, had 192 visitors, received 47 pieces of mail, sold seven water meters, processed 170 8-1-1 locates and 13 work orders, rented out the picnic shelter 14 times, compiled backflow preventer test results on pools and irrigation systems, and completed minutes for the May 7 Planning Board and May 10 Town Council meetings. She said two billing cycles fell between May 10 and June 14, with 575 water bills sent out in the first cycle and 581 the second. Alisa said she attended the development fee meeting May 24, a special meeting May 31 to approve waiving late fees on water bills because of problems at the post office, the June 7 Planning Board meeting and the UNC School of Government's new town clerks' academy and institute. She said she is working with Hazen and Sawyer on a hydraulic model of the town's water system and to find ways to eliminate the higher TTHM levels in the summer; she assisted with getting bids for the maintenance and painting of the water tank; and, along with Flynt and Hooks, met with Republic Services officials June 13. Alisa said construction will soon start on Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Dawn Acres and on Nugent Drive in Charles Place, and engineering firm McGill Associates is working on the initial inspection of Treeline subdivision and Northwest Meadows Phase 2. She also thanked Vicki White-Lawrence for continuing to help organize the filing system in Town Hall.

**Frank Bruno** said the 60-day review for Deputy Clerk Priscilla Hunsucker and Alisa Houk's quarterly review had been completed. The council has been accepting applications for town clerk and finance officer for three months, and Frank suggested that council close the time for accepting new applications and review what has been received and see if there are any qualified applicants. Tim Jones said he is dissatisfied that the town has not advertised the positions as extensively as it should have. He wanted it advertised on Listserv, on the government website, and the League's site. **Frank Bruno motioned to close the application acceptance process. Mayor Flynt 2nd the motion.**

**Vote was 3-1 with Tim Jones voting nay, to close the application process.**

**Thearon Hooks** said he, Mayor Flynt and Alisa Houk recently met with two Republic Services officials for an update on changes to service; the officials thought supervisors were coming to Stokesdale weekly, but discovered they weren't. Thearon Hooks said he recommended someone be designated to come weekly for at least six weeks.



Mayor Flynt said the designated person will call everyone who left a complaint with staff at Town Hall to make sure their issues are addressed and solved.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Kathy Bunthoff of McCrory Road thanked the council for supporting Stokesdale Elementary and said she thought adding the town property to the town core and creating an Events Committee could be "a window of opportunity with ways to physically connect downtown with these spaces which see increasing use." She also said she hopes the council can find funding for more sidewalks downtown.

Laura Gibson said she likes the idea of holding events in the town core and hopes it encourages retailers to look at downtown Stokesdale and revitalization. Ms. Gibson said she sees a lot of people in Kernersville's historic area on the weekends and believes downtown Stokesdale is "just as quaint and just as inviting."

Vicki White-Lawrence asked who would post messages on the electronic sign at Stokesdale Elementary and Frank Bruno said the principal would be the sign administrator. Vicki White-Lawrence pointed out that studies have shown investment in education helps cut back on incarceration rates, requiring fewer prisons.

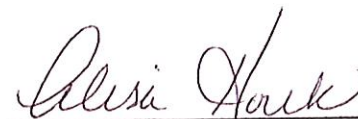
**Council Comments:** Frank Bruno thanked the four citizens who stayed to the end of the meeting, thanked the council and staff for their hard work the last six months and praised the decision to pursue CDARS. He added "Isn't it nice we don't yell at each other?" Frank then reminded listeners on the monthly radio show on WMYM 1420 that Stokesdale is a small, tight-knit community. He said council members may not always agree, but they respect each other. "That's what I think sets Stokesdale apart,"

Mayor Flynt said the staff has been working hard and praised Thearon Hooks and Frank Bruno in particular for helping get things done. He said give us another year or so and I hope we really make some progress in the Town. And then he agreed with Frank, we don't always agree but at least we agree to disagree.

**Announcements:**

1. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is July 17, 2018 from 4:00PM – 6:00PM at Town Hall.
2. The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Flynt motioned to adjourn. Tim Jones 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20PM



Alisa Houk, Town Clerk / Finance Officer



Mayor John Flynt