

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

6 January 2025
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley, Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody, Lisa Burke, Charlie Fields, Dan Sargent
Clerical: Annie Kay Gaines, Ben Townsend
Guest Speakers: Chris Lawson, Tyler McQueen

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. A quorum was present. The agenda was updated to remove one item and add a website update. With those changes, the mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie moved to approve the agenda. Wayne seconded and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The Minutes of the December 2, 2024 regular session minutes were emailed to board members for review. Wayne moved to approve. A second was heard from Charlie and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk provided financial statements with balances as follows: General Fund \$361,391.08; General Fund CD's \$450,000; Powell Bill Fund \$26,337.56; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$326,174.24; Short Lived Asset Fund \$39,717.45; CDBG-Ph2 \$0.00. All members were given copies, and a copy is attached hereto. Wayne moved to approve. Lisa seconded the motion, and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments:

- No one from the public

Chatham County Affordable Housing Board Presentation:

Chatham County Affordable Housing Board. The Town has a seat on this Board that is vacant. Charlie made a motion to table the appointment. A second was heard from Wayne and all voted in favor.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update:

Chris Lawson recommended to have Tri-River come and talk to the Board about water and sewer capacity in Goldston. All Board members were in consensus to have Tri-River present at a meeting in the new future. Next, he presented about the town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Lawson reported that a Land Use Plan should be updated every 10-20 years. After the Land Use Plan is updated, additional procedures would be to then update the UDO, update the Zoning Map, and then re-evaluate and update the Land Use Plan perpetually every 10-20 years. The presentation also included recommended land use practices that the Board should consider when updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Town Donation Policy:

The Board passed a Town Donation Policy at the December meeting, but wanted additional time to determine a reasonable dollar amount that the policy should apply to. After further consideration, and consulting with the Town Attorney, Charlie made a motion to set the donation limit below \$10,000 for monetary donations and also below \$10,000 for non-cash donations of property or services. A second was heard from Wayne and all voted in favor. This only means that the Board has to vote on anything \$10,000 or above. All donations, regardless of value, should be brought to the attention of the Mayor and the Clerk before accepting on behalf of the town.

Household Hazardous Waste Fee:

Chatham County has submitted a Memorandum of Agreement to the Town of Goldston, requesting that the Town help fund the County's Household Hazardous Waste events. Currently these events are funded solely by the County's Solid Waste Fee. This fee is only paid by the residents that do not live in the Incorporated areas of the

County, but the events are open to all County residents, whether they live in the incorporated areas or not. The Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling Department would like to track the number of attendees from events held from July 2024 through June 2025 and figure what portion of them live within Goldston's town limits. Then the County would bill the Town of Goldston that portion of the cost of every event that occurs from July 2025 – June 2026. Dan made a motion to decline the current Memorandum of Agreement that was presented by the County. Lisa seconded and all voted in favor.

Website Update:

Lisa has received updated information from Town Web regarding the town's new website. On November 11, 2024 the Board voted to have Town Web design and build the town a web page for \$2,300 and then host the website for an annual fee of \$1,100. In addition to these already approved costs, there are other add-ons that Town Web could provide. These features include accepting forms and collecting fees such as sports team registrations, parade entry fees, and even water and sewer bill payments. The Water Board would be asked to help pay for some of this additional cost since they stand to benefit from the online bill pay. Charlie made a motion to increase the prior approved amount to a total of \$6,000. A second was heard from Wayne and the motion was approved unanimously.

Work Session – Organizational Meeting 2025


Lisa made a motion to hold a special work session for the Board on February 1 from 8am-noon. A second was heard from Dan and all voted in favor. During this work session the Board will discuss possible budget amendments for this fiscal year, provide direction for the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, and review the Organizational Duties of each Commissioner.


Other Business:

- None

There being no further business, Lynn moved to adjourn; Charles seconded, all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan Hensley
Mayor


Annie K. King-Gaines
Clerk

Assisted by Ben Townsend

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AGENDA: (*Requires Action)

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Approval of Agenda*

Approve December 2, 2024 Regular Session Minutes*

Approve Financial Reports*

Recognition of Guests

Public Comment Period

Chatham County Affordable Housing Board Presentation

- Resolution for Chatham County Affordable Housing Board*

Comprehensive Plan Update

Town Donation Policy*

Household Hazardous Waste*

Website Update

Work Session – Organizational Meeting 2025*

Other Updates