

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 11, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Warsaw Town Hall.

Board Members Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Russell Eason
Commissioner Jack Hawes
Commissioner Ebony Wills-Wells

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Police Chief, Patrick Giddeons
Town Attorney, Ken Thompson

Mayor Connors asked Pastor Jason Williams to open the meeting with prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Summerlin asked to change agenda item 6 to an Update from Dreamworks as Citizens from Hill St. were not able to be present. Presenters previously called and asked to be moved to a future meeting. Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jack Hawes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the agenda as amended.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Commissioner Scotty Smith made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the following consent agenda items: (1) Approval of Minutes from March 14th Regular Commissioner Meeting, (2) Approval of Minutes from March 29th Budget Meeting #2, (3) Budget Amendment #8: Police Department Vehicle Repairs & Insurance Reimbursement and (4) Budget Amendment #9: Streets (Grapple Truck) Repair and Insurance Reimbursement.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Update:

Wendy Henderson with Duplin County DSS came to give an update on the Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). She advised there was a statewide conference call on March 9th and Duplin County had been able to serve 169 individuals and 23 of those were Warsaw residents. Henderson noted that Duplin County was number one in the state for individuals assisted. The Program is scheduled to run through September 2023 or whenever the funds are depleted.

Resolution Approving American Rescue Plan Act Application, Water System:

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates explained the details of a proposed grant/loan application to complete an asset inventory for the Town water system. Work may include system improvements, asset inventory analysis and studies, and other related projects. GIS mapping may also be an eligible expense for which the Town has a great need. The Town can apply for up to \$200,000 to complete the work.

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to approve the resolution. Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Resolution Approving the American Rescue Plan Act Application for Water Improvements.

Resolution Approving American Rescue Plan Act Application, Wastewater:

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates explained the details of a proposed grant and/or loan application to finance the costs of construction and studies on the wastewater treatment works and wastewater collection system project described as 2022 Wastewater Improvements. This work may include system improvements, expansion, asset inventory and other related projects. Mr. Gurley explained the importance of this upgrade with the desire of industries with potentially large flows to come to our area.

Commissioner Jack Hawes made a motion to approve the resolution. Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Resolution Approving the American Rescue Plan Act Application for Wastewater Improvements.

Dreamworks Update:

Jason Williams with DreamWorks Bladen and Brian DiCicco with DreamWorks Warsaw spoke about their desire to focus on expanding programs and offerings at DreamWorks Warsaw. They have expanded equipment and added items into other rooms. Services are being expanded, which include Zumba, adult chair exercises, karate (age 6–18), and tutoring services. They are looking into more adult classes. They are currently at 693 members with approximately 70% active and about 900 check-ins per week.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin stated that Recreation had provided a report and Soccer and Adult Basketball is going on now and building rentals have picked up. CDBG-NR is in the environmental review stage which has slowed progress. As of December 13, 2021 all participants have been visited and the initial work has been completed. He also advised there were still some billing and invoicing disputes with C2NC, but we hope to have this rectified soon. The Contractor is on go as soon as the money is received by the Town. April 28th will be the 3rd budget meeting at 6:00 p.m. and ARPA funds will be discussed as well as code enforcement, retirement benefits, and ordinance updates.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Connors read the press release for C2 Energy dated December 2016 in which they were to be completed in late 2017. He remarked that we are still waiting on completion.

Mayor Connors recognized Chief Patrick Gideons for an update. Gideons spoke about their police reports. He stated that they have used daily reports to track patterns in criminal activity. The stabbing on the report was in the Bay St. area in which there was a breaking and entering that occurred and the stabbing was done in self-defense. He also stated there were about 1,003 different types of activities in their system. He also mentioned the charges for the gambling sites and that the equipment was taken. Gideons noted that he had several openings for the Citizens Academy and the deadline was April 22.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Jack Hawes questioned the Police Chief specifically about the "Speed a Little, Lose a Lot" campaign and about the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP). Chief Gideons responded that the Town does participate in the GHSP and that the latest purchase was a LIDAR which is a handheld radar with a laser beam.

Commissioner Ebony Wells inquired about live streaming the meetings. Manager Summerlin and Town Clerk responded that there are still bugs to work out in our video/sound equipment but as soon as things are worked out, we are looking into live streaming. A request was made for a new clock to be purchased and wall-mounted before the next Commissioner meeting.

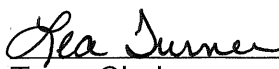
Adjournment:

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest:



Town Clerk

RESOLUTION
APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION
TOWN OF WARSAW

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction and studies of water distribution systems, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Warsaw has need for and intends to construct or conduct a study on a water distribution system project described as 2022 Water System Improvements, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Warsaw intends to request state financial assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF WARSAW:

That Town of Warsaw, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

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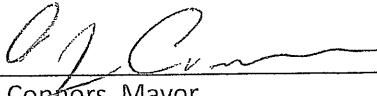
That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That AJ Connors, Mayor, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.


Adopted this the __11th__ day of April, 2022 at Warsaw, North Carolina.



AJ Connors, Mayor
Town of Warsaw

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Warsaw does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Warsaw duly held on the __11th__ day of April, 2022; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this __11th__ day of __April_____, 2022.



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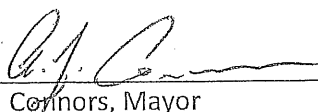
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