

- 1 • **EmeraldFest Summer Concert Series – Thurs. Aug. 6 – 6:30-8pm – WORA**
- 2 • **Heartsaver CPR Class Summer Series – Sat. Aug. 8 – 91m-1pm – EMS Station**
- 3 • **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – Tuesday, Aug. 11 – 6pm – Town Board**
- 4 **Meeting Room**
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6 **8. Public Comment**

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8 **Brief Summary:**

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10 The public will have the opportunity to address the Board about any items of concern not on the agenda. The
11 Mayor and Board welcome and appreciate all comments from the public, and will take these comments into
12 consideration as they make decisions on Town issues and provide direction to Town staff. Public comment is a time
13 for the Board to listen to the public's concerns and ideas, and is not intended for a lengthy dialogue or question
14 and answer session.

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16 The Mayor, Board, and Town staff are happy to meet with any citizen during normal business hours or at any other
17 mutually agreeable time to discuss Town issues and answer any questions.

18 Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee noted there were no public comments received in advance due to
19 continuing COVID-19 restrictions.

20 Peg Erway, 9263 Osprey Ridge Drive was present and commented that she was a full-time
21 resident for five years now. Ms. Erway said she had recently received a golf cart parking ticket
22 which she paid after speaking with the police officer who issued the ticket as well as the watch
23 commander who upheld the ticket, as well as leaving a voice message with the Mayor. Ms.
24 Erway noted she was parked at the end of Deer Horn but the Officer said since she was partly in
25 the grass she was illegally parked. Ms. Erway felt it was very unclear as to exactly where to park
26 as the signage said "golf cart parking" but didn't specify do not touch grass. She said she often
27 saw carts parking in front of hydrants, garbage cans where there was no signage and she didn't
28 see tickets on those carts. Ms. Erway asked for more parking spaces, better or clearer signage,
29 and a nice matters attitude. Ms. Erway said people parked as best as they could to
30 accommodate more carts but felt to be so picky about parking in the grass within the signage
31 she was ridiculous. Ms. Erway felt they should give specific clear instructions when golf cart
32 permits are issued so this didn't happen to others.

33 **9. Consent Agenda**

- 34 a. **Order Directing 2020 Tax Levy & Collections**
- 35 b. **Tax Releases**
- 36 c. **Minutes – May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- 37 d. **Minutes – June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- 38 e. **Resolution Accepting Offer for 2012 Ambulance and Authorizing Upset Bid Procedure**
- 39 (20-07-14/R1)
- 40 f. **Resolution Authorizing Off-Island Emergency Operations Center Agreement (20-07-14/R2)**
- 41 g. **Cape Emerald Drainage Easement**

- 1 **h. Budget Amendments – General Fund**
- 2 **i. Purchase Mini-Excavator from City of Raleigh**
- 3 **j. Fuel Agreement with Speedway, LLC**
- 4 **k. Resolution Authorizing Annual Fiscal Year-End Encumbrance Rollover and Budget**
- 5 **Amendment (20-07-14/R3)**

6 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The***
7 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

8 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 20-07-14/R1, 20-07-14/R2, 20-07-14/R3 and all other consent agenda items as noted
9 above are incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.

10 **9. Resolution Approving Cancellation of Certain Town Sponsored Events Due to COVID-19**
11 **(20-07-14/R4)**

12 Town Manager Matt Zapp discussed staff recommendation to cancel certain Town sponsored
13 events as noted on the Resolution as follows:

- 14 • EmeraldFest Summer Concert Series
- 15 • Summer Movie Nights
- 16 • Day4Kids
- 17 • Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival

18 Town Manager Zapp said the recommendation was specifically germane to the Emerald Isle
19 Beach Music Festival due to the restrictions in place because of COVID-19 and the large number
20 of attendees to the events listed on the Resolution. Manager Zapp stated that t was
21 unfortunate but staff would recommend they forego those events for the remainder of 2020.

22 Commissioner Dooley said she had extensive conversations with Matt and Alesia and felt it was
23 important they cancel those events. Commissioner Dooley mentioned two events not listed
24 were the Marathon, Half-Marathon and 5K, and the Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament and she
25 felt they should be considered by the committees to determine cancellation of those events.

26 Commissioner Normile added regarding the EmeraldFest concert series that the schedule of the
27 artists was not actually controlled by the Town of Emerald Isle but was controlled by a non-
28 profit organization. Commissioner Normile stated those performers were trying to guarantee
29 some playing / earning time and salvage what they could and he didn't feel the Town could
30 guarantee those acts following the Governors extension of Phase 2 today. Commissioner
31 Normile thought if the non-profit in charge of the concert series returned to the Board in
32 August or early September and the situation had changed they could entertain that at that
33 time, so they were still working behind the scenes to salvage what they could. Commissioner
34 Normile also didn't disagree with Commission Dooley regarding Day4Kids. Commissioner
35 Normile said that Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson's intent was to grow and add
36 some features and events later in October with other items of fun. Commissioner Normile also
37 noted that now was the time for the Beach Music Festival when the Town would have to put
38 out about \$20,000 to secure the artists, order t-shirts and other vendor items with a 50/50

1 chance they could proceed with the event, and that was a lot of taxpayer money he wasn't
2 willing to spend on a coin toss.

3 Mayor Barber agreed with the concern of spending taxpayer money, adding that with
4 EmeraldFest each town had to pay for their portion of the concerts and once deposits were
5 made the Town wasn't able to get the money back and he agreed with Matt and Alesia that this
6 was the best way to handle at this time.

7 Commissioner Finch understood everyone was eager to get back to where we were a year ago
8 but with the Governors comments earlier today he felt it would behoove them to go ahead and
9 cancel.

10 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to approve Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of***
11 ***Certain Town Sponsored Events Due to COVID-19. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor.***
12 ***Motion carried.***

13 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 20-07-14/R4 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part
14 of these minutes.

15 **10. Resolution Adopting Updates to the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**
16 **(20-07-14/R5)**

17 Town Planner Josh Edmondson briefed the Board on the 5-year update to the Pamlico Sound
18 Hazard Mitigation Plan, the approval of which was required by FEMA in order to comply with all
19 federal and state regulations. Town Planner Edmondson summarized the planning process and
20 associated documents noting the update would ensure eligibility for post-disaster funding for
21 an additional 5 years until 2025.

22 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to approve Resolution adopting the 5-year***
23 ***update to the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board voted unanimously***
24 ***5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

25 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 20-07-14/R5 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part
26 of these minutes

27 **11. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager**

28 There were no comments from the Town Clerk or Town Attorney.

29 Town Manager Matt Zapp shared on behalf of Commissioner Taylor that earlier in the
30 afternoon that Ron Dimock had presented a \$3,000 check on behalf of the Emerald Isle Fishing
31 Tournament to Ms. Bailey Inga, Swansboro High School. Additionally, Manager Zapp noted the
32 very large weather event the previous day with an excessive amount of rain in a very brief
33 period and thanked Public Works and the team for their immediate response. Manager Zapp
34 also sent sincere condolences to the families of the two individuals who lost their lives on
35 Sunday, thanking the lifeguards, first responders, Board surfer, and all personal responders who
36 were immediate, present and participatory on Sunday. Town Manager Zapp also noted they
37 anticipated the arrival of Sarah Williams, our future Town Clerk and expected her employment

1 to begin on Monday, July 20 and thanked the Town of Pine Knoll Shores for their grace and help
2 in transitioning Sarah from her current employment to Emerald Isle.

3 Mayor Barber expressed to Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee that they would miss her and that she
4 was a blessing.

5 **12. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor**

6 Commissioner Taylor thanked the Board for letting him call in to the meeting tonight.

7 Commissioner Dooley commented that the town staff was sadly incredibly busy on Sunday
8 afternoon on multiple calls involving police, fire and EMS, some ending very tragically so she
9 wanted to give a big pat on the back to town staff. Commissioner Dooley said she was very
10 proud of the staff and the crews yesterday cleaning up the trees, branches and water that had
11 accumulated on the roads. Commissioner Dooley also commented that they still had a little bit
12 of time with Rhonda but she was an incredible human being.

13 Commissioner Normile provided a courtesy reminder that bids were out for the next beach
14 nourishment project that ended July 30. Commissioner Normile stated they had requested
15 renourishment in the amount of 2,012,850 cubic yards of sand just for Emerald Isle so if
16 everything aligned and the bids were okay the answer to a lot of questions about whether they
17 were going to get more sand was optimistically yes. Commissioner Normile said the stated
18 cubic yards would just be for the Town of Emerald Isle to restore our dunes back to pre-
19 Florence condition. Commissioner Normile added for a little humor that based on the stats at
20 the end of the fiscal year the crime rate in Emerald Isle was down and at the same time the
21 county liquor sales were up 69%, and you couldn't make that up. Commissioner Normile
22 thanked our Police Department and Neighborhood Watch.

23 Mayor Barber thanked all of the Commissioners for their hard work. Mayor Barber encouraged
24 everyone to stay safe, wear a mask and wash their hands to help prevent the spread of the
25 virus.

26 **13. Adjourn**

27 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted***
28 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

29 ***The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm***

30 Respectfully submitted:

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32 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC
33 Town Clerk

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