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Holly Ridge Town Council Special Meeting March 24th, 2015

Purpose of Special Meeting to appoint a new member to the Vacant Town Council Seat

Mayor Dinger called the Special Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Hines, Councilman Lang, Councilwoman Stanley, and Councilwoman Bragg. Also present were Attorney Kitchen, Town Manager Joe Pierce, Deputy Clerk Tracy Martin and Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk.

Invocation and Pledge

Councilwoman Bragg gave the invocation and Mayor Dingler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Lang* to adopt the Agenda as presented. *All Agreed*.

Possible Appointment to the Town Council Seat

Dawnevea Evans- 302 E. Ocean Road stated she has lived in Holly Ridge for the past eighteen years. She stated eighteen years ago she came before the Town Council and got a conditional use permit to start her business. She said after that she became a member of the Planning Board and has served on this board for sixteen years and is Vice Chair. Nine years ago she became a real estate agent. She stated all of these things combined are a good feel for the economic happiness in this town. She stated recently she has joined the Holly Ridge Business Association and is working hard with others to promote the first Camp Davis 75th anniversary celebration.

Kathy Cantrell-1211 Daisy Court stated she was born and raised in Ohio. She said she lived in Michigan, ten years in South Carolina, and five years in North Carolina. She stated she is a member of Faith Harbor United Methodist Church in Surf City. She said she has a son, daughter in law and a grandson who reside in Surf City. Ms. Cantrell stated she has a Bachelor in liberal arts. She has been involved in non-profit, fundraising and has been an elected member to the school board. Ms. Cantrell stated she believes in her community. She stated in 2009 she was a candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives. She stated she loves her country and community and she thinks she would be the ideal candidate.

Deborah Hill-214 Red Carnation stated she would like to contribute her problem solving abilities and leadership skills to the citizens of Holly Ridge. She stated she is currently the Planning Director for North Topsail Beach. Ms. Hill stated she holds a master degree in Public Administration from Troy University. She stated she has a strong background in administration, accounting, budgeting, employee relations and the ability to communicate, organize, manage and evaluate program activities. Ms. Hill said while employed with Henry County Virginia she served as the Planner and Grant Administrator. Ms. Hill also was a qualified Surface Warfare Officer in the United State Navy and was responsible for managing various divisions and departments aboard ship. She stated she feels she would be the best suited for this position.

Joe Edwards-104 Lloyd Street-stated he has lived in Holly Ridge since 1972. He stated he was the manager of the Bacon Process Plant located in Holly Ridge which employed hundreds of people. He said he served on the Holly Ridge Town Council for a total of 16 years and he feels like he has the experience to be on the Board again. He stated he would not need any training and he did a good job last time while serving. He stated while on the Board he saved the Town a lot of money. He stated he would like to have everyone's vote again.

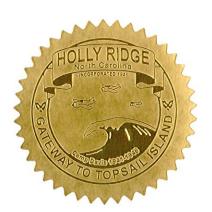
Deputy Clerk Tracy Martin handed the voting ballots out to the Council members and once the Council voted and signed the ballots, Deputy Clerk Tracy Martin collected them.

Attorney Kitchen read aloud the votes and with a 3-1 vote Deborah Hill was voted as the new Town Council member.

Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds gave Deborah Hill the Oath of Office and she was sworn in.

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilwoman Hill* to adjourn. *All agreed*.

Attest:



Anita Dingler, Mayor

Heather Revnolds, Town Clerk