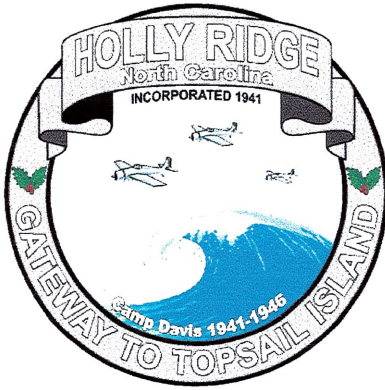


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## HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Mayor Elmer Padgett called the continuation of the regular monthly meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 6:00 pm in the Holly Ridge Community Building. Council members present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Hines, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Edwards, and Councilman Wright. Councilwoman Bragg could not be at the meeting due to a family emergency. Also in attendance were Interim Manager Maiorano, Attorney Joe Stroud, and Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds.

### *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Hines and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Padgett.

### *Adoption of Agenda*

A motion was made by *Councilman Wright* and seconded by *Councilman Edwards* to adopt the agenda. *All Agreed.*

### *Old Business*

**Discussion of the Town Manager Position**

Manager Maiorano said this is the fourth time he has been manager. Manager Maiorano said last time was 2004 to 2007, which was a little over two years and that he's back over here again for two months in January. Manager Maiorano stated he doesn't mind doing it and that he likes doing it and can do it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said he would have loved to have everyone here tonight.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Edwards** to appoint John Maiorano as Town Manager of the Town of Holly Ridge with continued duties of Police Chief with a 30 % increase in pay and create the position of Major at the Police Department and promote Captain Bryant to the position of Major with a 15% increase in pay.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated by combining the Town Manager position and Police Chief position the Town will save around \$50,000.00 after the increase in pay plus the benefits over the next year.

Councilman Edwards stated we will save more than that in the long run.

Councilwoman Stanley asked if a time limit will be set for when we start advertising. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said John Maiorano would be the Town Manager permanently. Councilwoman Stanley asked if he would still be the Police Chief as well and Mayor Pro-Tem Hines answered yes. Councilman Edwards said he cannot see bringing someone else in right now as Town Manager. Councilwoman Stanley asked if the Police Department would have to hire a new police officer. Councilman Edwards said no and the Town has never had to hire a new one before. Councilwoman Stanley stated it was nothing against John, but she didn't know if the position has to be advertised. Attorney Stroud said it does not have to be, but it can be. Councilwoman Stanley asked since the Police Department and the Town Hall are two different departments will this be an in house hire or promotion? Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said the promotion is a promotion and then we are creating the position of Major. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said Gerald cannot go any higher in his pay as Captain, and since he will have more duties he will at least be able to have an increase in pay as a Major. Councilwoman Stanley asked John Maiorano what his current salary was and Manager Maiorano stated it was \$63,000.00 for base pay.

***Voting was as follows: All Agreed.***

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hines and seconded by Councilman Edwards to allow the Manager to make whatever decisions need to be made and that the Council would support any decisions made. All Agreed.

**Town Manager Comments**

There were none.

**Council Concerns**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said he wants the Council to consider appointing a couple of Council people to work on a street plan with the Town Manager because some of the streets in Town are really bad such as Green Street.

Mayor Padgett said another thing would be the right-of-ways and the committee could look at those too. Mayor Padgett said the right-of-ways need to all be the same. Councilman Edwards asked if the Town would need a surveyor for that. Mayor Padgett said no that someone would just need to go from the center line of the streets. Manager Maiorano said his fear would be that many citizens have put fence, porches, and other things in the right-of-ways because anywhere you have people you have encroachments on the right-of-ways. Manager Maiorano said it may be opening a can of worms and it might be better to have the Attorney find a solution for 134 Green Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said the right-of-ways could be reviewed in the street. Councilwoman Stanley said some of the houses sit so close to the highway and there is no room for a right-of-way. The decision was made to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Hines and Councilman Wright to a street plan committee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said there has been a lot of talk about ONWASA in the newspaper and it is erroneous information and when the ONWASA board voted on the mandatory hook-up in June it failed with a vote of 5-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said mandatory hook-up has come up and the Executive Director said it has to be done and five of the board members said it will not be done until someone makes them do it.

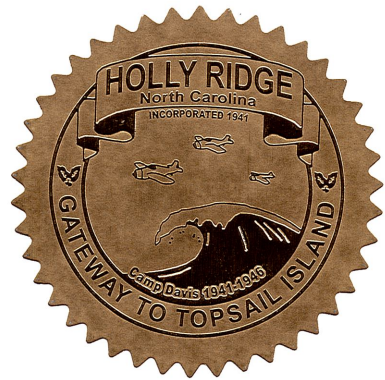
Manager Maiorano said he went to the Manager's Meeting today and there was discussion on changing the name of the Mayor's Meeting to Onslow County Local Elected Officials possibly. Manager Maiorano said it was also suggested to change it to Elected Officials Meeting, but it was thought that we might be getting away from Town issues because you may have the Clerk of Court and Senators that may not share our interests. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said it needs to stay with just the Mayor's and Manager's to get more accomplished. Manager Maiorano said the Manager's are going to meet prior to the Mayor's meeting to put an agenda together. Manager Maiorano also said there is talk about "way finding signs" that are directional signs that

Municipalities are going to be required to put up. Mayor Padgett said the reason for the Mayor's Meeting is to get concerns from all the other Towns. Manager Maiorano stated he was very impressed with the managers and that they had a lot of substance and everyone has offered help to others.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Edwards* to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. *All Agreed.*

*Attest:*



  
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*Mayor Elmer Padgett*

  
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*Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk*

*These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk Heather Reynolds*