

**TOWN OF GREENSBORO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**07/08/2024**

I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mikel Knepley

II. **Attendees**

The following board members were present for the meeting: Clerk-Treasurer, Mary E. Keck (Elly); Board President, Mikel Knepley; Board Member, Jennifer Smith.

Greensboro Police Department: Paul McGann, Lt. Craighead, Daniel Robbins

GVFD: Ben Madison, Dawson Madison, Tyler Burton

Greensboro Township Trustee: Dakota Clark

Citizens: Ralph Chesher, Howard Chesher, Linda Bowling, Makayla Davison, Tina Roberts, Chris Proehl, Clementine Mitchell, Michelle Dyer, Richard & Jill Tompkins

III. Minutes from June 2024 meeting were read and approved by the board.

IV. **Open Issues**

A. Ordinance's Update      B. Alley Closure      C. Lawyer Contracting

V. **New Business** discussed

**A. Financial**

1. PD negotiated new contract with Comcast to reduce monthly bill
2. Dumpster was changed to locking model. Pick up will be 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.
3. Board will meet with Morelock again to make decision on contracting.
4. Ordinances have been narrowed by the board & turned over to GPD to complete the applicable portions to law enforcement. GPD is waiting on contracting with a lawyer who will review all ordinances before they will be presented to the community and voted into effect by the board.
5. New Opioid Settlement is available for town to participate in. Town will receive periodic disbursements of funds from the class action settlement if we choose to participate. Board agreed to participation in the program.
6. Elly proposes stopping rental of safe deposit box at Star Financial Bank. It seems to be under utilized currently. Board advised to make sure it is not a sate requirement to have & if not, they agree to stop the rental.
7. DNR flood insurance program information presented to board for review.
8. Additional Appropriation will be needed for Gen Fund for remaining year's expenses. Transfer funds from Donation & MVH Unrestricted. Advertisement will be placed for public notice & voting at next meeting.

**B. Building / Grounds / Park**

1. Baby swings ordered, received & installed
2. Merry go round was painted
3. Landscaping timbers were donated & placed at the building. Installation will occur at a later date.
4. Renters continue to prop open doors & turn thermostat down very low. Signs need to be posted instructing renters to not do these things. Board may want to install a lock box over the thermostat. Mikel agreed to make signs & post them.

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5. Key for the new dumpster lock cannot be copied & an additional one is needed. Elly will contact Rumpke to get another.

**C. Streets / Zoning**

1. Tree trimming completed. Line at Community Building did not qualify for tree trimming.
2. Mikel & Ralph believe the east & west running alley @ Chesher property was closed a very long time ago (1990's?). Jennifer advised the information should be updated with Henry County Courthouse & Beacon website for it to remain closed.

**D. Police**

1. Monthly stats were reported.
2. No PD Summer Fest will be held.
3. PD asked if board has review & approved PD 2025 budget. Board has not completed this. Full Town Budget is expected (tentatively) to be reviewed in Sept. & submitted in Oct.
4. Mikel was supposed to look into street sign replacements but has not yet done so.
5. White paint for road painting @ stop signs was not available through the resource Mikel knew. PD will continue to look for another source.
6. PD needs their own entry door as discussed in the past. A contractor has offered labor & material at no cost to the town. Board approved this action.
7. PD requested to be involved with the attorney meeting.

**E. Citizens' Concerns**

1. Stray cat population

- a. Citizens have been expressing concerns about the ever-increasing number of cats.
- b. Efforts have been made by citizens to trap & sterilize as many as possible. This is hindered by costs, appointment availability and the rate of population increase.
- c. One person was made very ill & hospitalized due to a cat bite.
- d. Elly spoke with New Castle /Henry County Animal Shelter to gather facts about contracting with them.

1. No contract availability until 2025
2. \$1500 for 1 year contract
3. Contract includes:

- all strays of dogs & cats – citizens are **not** responsible for detaining dogs
- after hour emergency response pertaining to vicious dogs, animal to human bites and injured stray dog/cats.
- help getting the stray cats under control by setting up traps and/or residents could set traps to bring them in.

\*\*\*There is no fee for residents to bring in **STRAY** dogs/cats with a contract in force. Residents must bring the animal to the shelter within 3 days of it showing up.

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E.d.3 continued (Citizens' Concerns)

\*\*\*\*Shelter does not accept owned animals. Please keep in mind, if residents have been taking care of these cats, then they are legally the owners.

- Citizens can use any of the services, including spay/neuter (at regular prices). They would need to call shelter's vet for pricing as it varies depending on size, sex and species. They also have low-cost options depending on income.
- 4. Citizens discussed holding a fundraiser &/or collecting donations to pay for an annual contract. Mikel advised citizens can place donations for this cause in the drop box on the community building & indicating it is for the contract. Elly suggested partnering with Kennard Krusaders for collecting donation that could be a tax write off. No citizen volunteered to organize a fundraising effort.
- 5. No action was taken by the board on this topic.
- 2. Citizen addressed a warning that was given to him by GPD today. He expressed that "while operating a marked & registered Off Road Vehicle, he was stopped by GPD. He was given a warning for an ordinance that does not exist & unlawfully detained. He advised the vehicle is farm exempt & was spraying agricultural crops. He wants the town to be aware that he feels the officers need additional training. "
  - A. Paul McGann advised he has spoken with the Board President about this situation and asked to speak with the citizen privately after the meeting.
  - B. There was discussion about future ordinances that may apply to this type of situation and to review those for agricultural exemption.
- 3. Ralph Chesher expressed he would like for police to escort funeral processions in town and direct traffic. PD advised they would provide this service if notified of the service & if staffing allows.
- 4. Citizen asked if it was possible to get recycle dumpsters in town as there had been in the past. This was managed by a company that is no longer in the area. The program was abused in other communities resulting in a "trash pile" & this played into the programing being pulled from service. Recycling is available in New Castle with HCSWD. Sharps can be disposed with the county Health Department & possibly with local pharmacies.

#### F. Fire Department

1. Monthly stats were reported
2. Golf outing fundraiser will take place in September
3. Local Income Tax Council meeting to be held July 25 @ 4:30pm & 6pm in New Castle at the former circuit court. Each town has a vote in the application of these fund. GVFD has applied for these funds & would like the towns support/vote.

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Board adjourned the meeting at: 7:30pm

Minutes Submitted:

Clerk – Treasurer Mary (Elly) Keck

*Mary E. Keck*

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Minutes approved by:

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*Mikel Knepley*

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President, Mikel Knepley

*Jason Clark*

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Board member, Jason Clark

*Jennifer Smith*

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