**Town of Red Cross Minutes of**

 **Town Council Meeting At Town Hall**

**Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

**(Following The Pre-meeting and Public Hearing)**

Present:

Mayor: Lionel Hahn

Council Members: Lisa Lowder, Andrew Smith, Barbara Carpenter, and Millie Steed

Planning and Zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Lionel Hahn Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Andrew Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Recognition of guests 5+

The **agenda** was approved with the addition of item number 14 to discuss and vote on rolling over or withdrawing CD ending in 5887 that is due to mature on January 20, 2025. **Motion #1937**; was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The approval of the **Minutes of the Council meeting of December 9, 2024**, was postponed for the next month due to some corrections needing to be made. **Motion #1938** to postpone was made by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Barbara Carpenter presented the Financial Report to each Council Member for the month of December 2024; **Motion #1939** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Fire Protection was presented by Millie Steed with no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder with no report received this month, the Sheriffs are still working on generating the reports under the new system.

Street Maintenance was presented by Millie Steed, who confirmed there was one sign on Lakewood Road that was replaced by NCDOT.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, who reminded everyone to look at the calendar especially during holidays as waste management usually will run one day delay.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, there was no meeting for January due to there not being a quorum. In February the Planning and Zoning Board hope to be swearing in new members. Mike Efird briefly went over a memorandum sent by attorney Al Benshoff to inform the Council that there was a bill passed to stop municipalities from downzoning properties. The zoning ordinance will remain as is, and the only time density can be reduced is if the owner requests it be done.Mike Efird also shared that there were two annexations that were never filed properly, he was able to get them straightened out and they are recorded with the Secretary of State.

Parks and Recreation was presented by Andrew Smith, the grants have been applied for, received, and moving forward in the right direction.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council to discussed updates on the Stanly County Sheriff’s new proposed Satellite office. The County proposed that the town provide utilities for the brick building. **Motion #1940** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder to have an agreement drawn up that reflects the Town will assume the water and electric bill. 4 Aye, 0 No.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council to discussed the proposed animal ordinance. **Motion#1941** was made by Andrew Smith to go into discussion, second by Millie Steed; There was discussion about how citizens can become a Bonafide farm, chicken tractors, and distances of fowl from a well. Andrew Smith made **Motion #1942** to approve the animal ordinance as currently written, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed appointing members for the open seats on the Planning and Zoning Board. Andrew Smith proposed to appoint: Mark Tucker, Heather Britt, and David Smith as full members. Melvin Poole and Kim Long as alternates. **Motion #1943** to approve the members as proposed, was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council to discussed purchasing the 114 East Red Cross Road property. Barbara Carpenter made **Motion #1944** to move forward with purchasing the property, Andrew Smith Second; Roll Call Vote: Andrew Smith Aye, Barbara Carpenter Aye, Lisa Lowder Aye, Millie Steed Aye.

The Council discussed and voted on representatives for the Rocky River RPO Technical Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee. **Motion# 1945** was made by Andrew Smith to have Millie Steed as the TAC representative, Barbara Carpenter be the Alternate, Shannon Alberta as the TCC representative. Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on the CD ending in 5887 coming mature on January 21, 2025. **Motion #1946** to withdraw was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for Comments from Citizens, there was some discussion/questions regarding possible development in the area.

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for Comments from Council, the council thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Motion# 1947** wasmade by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter **to Adjourn the Council Meeting;** Vote 4 Aye, 0 No.