



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 10, 2023 6:00 p.m. &
Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

Monday, April 10, 2023

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Doug Shelton, Alderman Jeff Cannon

Staff: Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Planner E. Schwartz-Laubhann

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Barnhardt led a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Barnhardt.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Budget Workshop March 13, 2023
- 2) Regular Meeting March 13, 2023
- 3) Recessed Meeting March 30, 2023
- 4) Recessed Meeting April 3, 2023

B. Departmental Reports (*Reports in Board packet*)

C. Financial Reports (*Reports in Board packet*)

~~**D. Contract** with Eddie Carriek, CPA, PC for audit of accounts for FY 22-23~~

E. Resolution 2023-04 CRMPO Projects List

F. Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the contract for auditing services pulled and moved to New Business for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Recess

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to recess the meeting to Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting ended at 6:04 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mayor Barnhardt was not present for the April 13, 2023 segment of the meeting.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Linker called the regular meeting recessed on April 10, 2023 back into session at 9:03 a.m.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Smith reviewed items from his report in the agenda packet including an update on the police vehicle. There isn't a build date yet for the current vehicle, but there is a Dodge Durango police unit available. The upfit could be up to \$6,200 more than the current budgeted expense. There is room in the PD fuel budget to cover the overage as long as it doesn't go over \$7,000. He also shared that the Fish for Funs that had been advertised as contingent on stock are on track for this year.

Manager Smith shared that there is still a need to move mulch and asked the Board to help get the word out that the double-screened mulch is available. The RFP for a town attorney is posted and has been sent out. The Litter Sweep will be held April 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. with an informal reception at town hall afterward. The Rowan Municipal Association meeting will be held Thursday, April 27th.

Old Business

5. Discussion

Wayfinding/Granite Industrial Park Sign

Manager Smith reviewed the presentation included in the agenda packet on the Wayfinding and Granite Industrial Park signs. After discussion on the logo to be used, there was consensus to use the logo without the slogan underneath. Manager Smith shared that, assuming there was consensus not to redo the entry signs, the money would be funneled to the industrial park sign. Alderman Costantino asked about the timeline for the project. Manager Smith replied that Tourism asked to submit any suggestions for wayfinding to DOT in June; they are hopeful to get started on implementation by the end of the calendar year. There was discussion on the size, location, and orientation of the industrial park sign. There was Board consensus to scale the sign back slightly (from 24 to 20 feet was suggested) and to have the larger part of the monument sign on the right, away from the road (*consensus on orientation was given later in the meeting*).

Alderman Shelton was interested in having the baseball field included and Alderman Costantino agreed. Manager Smith shared that Mayor Barnhardt was interested in having the field and the original F&M bank included. After he presented the requests to Tourism, they felt since the F&M building wasn't open to the public, it shouldn't be included. Manager Smith asked for Board feedback on additional landmarks. Alderman Shelton stated that he felt since the bank wasn't an active museum and not open to the public, signage money shouldn't be wasted on something no one was going to. Alderman Costantino agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Linker stated that instead of adding it to a wayfinding sign, he would propose a directory for local historical sites be added to the website in the future.

6. Discussion **Transformational Projects Update**

Manager Smith reviewed the updated presentation for Transformational Projects that was included in the agenda packet. He pointed out that the changes included the slide with grant opportunities. Because the Town Square and streetscape projects are waiting on Duke Energy and feasibility studies, the options being presented to the Board for next steps are for the Civic Park only. The recommendation, shared from the *Next Steps* slide on page 96 of the agenda packet, is to move forward with Option 1 which is to go to bid for all three projects (New Parking Lot, Repave/accessibility, and Trails reconstruction). There was discussion on the most urgent needs regarding trail repair.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to go forward with phase one of the Civic Park improvements and approve the Stewart scope of services and proceed with Option 1 to do that. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussion and Possible Action **Rules of Procedure**

Clerk Smith shared Attorney Short's responses to the questions the Board had after the March 30, 2023 meeting. No additional amendments to the Rules of Procedure were suggested by Attorney Short.

ACTION: Alderman Cannon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03 to adopt Rules of Procedure for the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business

8. Ordinance Amendment **Parks Ordinance / Alcohol**

Manager Smith shared that the topic of allowing alcohol in parks came up during the discussions on sponsorship guidelines and that it had been discovered that the current ordinance does not allow alcohol in the parks, even at town-sponsored events. An ordinance amendment to the current ordinance that would allow for alcohol at the parks only at town-sponsored events was presented to the Board for feedback and possible adoption. The proposed wording would not allow for other groups holding events to allow alcohol.

Individual Board members shared their personal opinions on whether alcohol should be allowed at town-sponsored events. Mayor Pro Tem Linker questioned whether the Board wanted to wait to make the decision to be able to give Mayor Barnhardt an opportunity to comment as well. Alderman Shelton asked if there was a time issue associated with the approval because of the upcoming Arts in the Park. Manager Smith replied that he could explain to the Events Committee that there could not be alcohol vendors at the upcoming event because there was a conflict found in the ordinance and the Board needed more time to discuss the issue and get it resolved.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to defer the decision to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Linker, Alderman Costantino, and Alderman Shelton in favor and Alderman Cannon opposed.

9. Discussion and Possible Action **Mural**

Alderman Costantino requested that the item be deferred to the next regular meeting since the Mayor wasn't present.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to defer discussion to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Discussion **Town Charter**

Board direction for staff to research and prepare information on a charter amendment process and timeline to change the mayoral election from 2 to 4 years and authorizing voting privileges for the mayor was added at the March 30 meeting and staff was not able to complete the process in time for this meeting. Staff requested additional time to get information together.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to defer the discussion to the regularly scheduled meeting in July. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Discussion and Possible Action **Contract with Eddie Carrick, CPA, PC for Audit**

Manager Smith updated the Board on the differences in cost between the current contract and last year's contract for audit services. The total cost increased by \$2,500.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve the contract (*with Eddie Carrick, CPA, PC for audit services*). Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

12. Board Comments

- Alderman Costantino had questions on the status of the Stoneglen development. Chief Hord stated the 32-home subdivision should see work resume within 30 to 45 days.

13. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Wednesday	April 12	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Executive Board Meeting
B.	Thursday	April 13	9:00 a.m.	Possible BOA Recessed Meeting
C.	Thursday	April 13	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
D.	Monday	April 17	5:00 p.m.	Business After Hours
E.	Tuesday	April 18	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
F.	Thursday	April 20	7:30 a.m.	Power in Partnership Breakfast
G.	Friday	April 21	1:00 p.m.	Litter Sweep
H.	Monday	April 24	6:00 p.m.	Possible Joint PB/BOA GQDO Meeting
I.	Wednesday	April 26	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
J.	Thursday	April 27	6:00 p.m.	Rowan Municipal Association
K.	Saturday	April 29	11:00 a.m.	Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Event
L.	Monday	May 1	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
M.	Saturday	May 6	1:00 p.m.	Arts in the Park

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting ended at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk