

December 16, 2024
Turin Town Hall @ 7 pm
Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Mayor Starr

Invocation

- Councilman Bolden

Pledge of Allegiance

- All in attendance

Approval of Minutes

- **November 18 Council Meeting**
 - Motion made by Councilman Stapp to approve minutes as written, 2nd by Councilman Bolden. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Councilman Bolden to amend the agenda to add the ARPA fund discussion, 2nd by Councilman Stapp.
 - Motion made by Councilman Stapp to have discussion about the ARPA funds being used for the sewage at the old city hall building, the parking lot by post office and renovations to the old city hall building so it can be used as the city wishes, 2nd by Councilman Bolden. Motion carried.

Unfinished BUSINESS

- **Proposed parking diagram for lot next to post office**
 - Motion made by Councilman Bolden to table the parking lot paving until the January 2025 meeting and get more quotes on the work, 2nd by Councilman Stapp. Motion carried.
- **Digital speed sign on Hwy 16**
 - Councilman Sprouse made a motion to table this until the January 2025 Council meeting to have more information, 2nd by Councilman Bolden. Motion carried.
- **Speed tables on North Road**
 - Councilman Stapp made motion to discuss and explore the possibilities of adding additional speed tables to North Rd, 2nd by Councilman Bolden. Motion carried.
 - Councilman Stapp made motion to add a speed table to North Rd, 2nd by Councilman Bolden. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Councilman Bolden to get prices and location for the speed tables on North Rd and bring that to the Council meeting in January for final approval. 2nd by Councilman Stapp. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- N/A

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- N/A

PLANNING Commission

- N/A

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

- N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Linda Wallen – 256 Linch Rd**
 - Same problems concerning Graceton Farms. To the best of her knowledge there has been no reinspection of the work that Todd Freeman was supposed to do. How can she ask the Mayor and Council a question and get an answer. Mayor advised her to set up a meeting with everyone involved with this matter and they will give her concrete answers.
- **Karen Bremer – 112 Noble View Dr**
 - Have been speaking to this Council for over 2 years now. Wanted to know who the land officer was for Graceton Farms. She asked Brennan Jones who approved of not putting in streets with curbs and sidewalks and he told her that the Council was responsible for that. No such thing as a dead in road that it is to be a cul-de-sac. Wanted to let the Council and Mayor know that they have broken their own laws. Wanted to know who was on the Ethics committee and why it isn't posted on the web site. Wants her comments added to the minutes. Since 2017 the Town was going to hire a Code Enforcement Officer and a Judge, why haven't they been hired.
- **Kristi Blair – 262 Township**
 - Concerned with the parking spaces on North Rd in front of Bedazzled Flower Shop. Since they are working on the round-a-bout a lot of people are now using Turin Rd and Lecoja Trl as the cut through rd. and it is very hard to see around the cars that are parked. Wanted to let the Council and Mayor know how horrible Will Banks Rd is, potholes everywhere. A lot of concerns with Graceton Farms, the 2 culverts on Linch Rd. need to be addressed under the bond issue. Graceton way and Noble View are private driveways that weren't allowed. Her point is the Town Council let GF be annexed into the Town of Turin under certain signed a bond with a plan that we will let this community to be built. The Town needs to hold Todd Freeman accountable for all the corrections that needs to be done in Graceton Farms.

- **John Piazza – 112 Noble View Dr**

- John was hoping that Mark the Town Attorney was here at the meeting so that he could tell him to his face that he will be filing a formal ethics violation complaint with the Georgia bar will be a good place to start. His fingerprints are all over all the problems we are having right now.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- **Clarence Bolden**

- Wanted to let everyone in Graceton Farms know that he is continuing his investigation into all the problems and that their voices are being heard.

- **Walter Sprouse**

- Has been looking back into the documents on Graceton Farms from 2018 saying that lots 77,76,78,20,21 and 22, which are the 3 homes on each of Graceton Way and Noble View Dr were supposed to have gutters, curbs and sidewalks. The Town had a Special Called meeting 2018 stating that all roads and streets will have curbs and gutters except for Linch Rd and shall be installed in accordance with the Town of Turin subdivision and land development ordinance dated July 26, 2019. He wants the bond recalled and everyone needs to have a sit down with all the residents and get to the bottom of this. Had the speed limit moved from 45 to 35 on Linch rd. and a resident was turning into their driveway and was hit on her driver side door and caused extensive damage and the homeowner would like the Town to get some signs stating slow kids at play, cyclist or something on that. Wants to get the sheriff's office to start running radar so that people will slow down.

- **Alan Stapp**

- N/A

- **Fernando Ramos**

- Not in attendance

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- I wanted to mention that Kayla Pougé passed away in a horrible head on accident, she was only 24 years old and had 4 kids. The family is worthy of some help if anyone can help. The teachers at one of the kids' schools are putting together a drop off spot at Bobby Mac General Store on hwy 16. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and stay and have some dinner with us or just hang out.

Executive SESSION

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Councilman Bolden to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Sprouse. Motion carried.

Approved this 27th of January 2024.

Town Clerk

