

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
June 22, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in the Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone. Mayor Tim Futrelle presided. Town Council Members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Edie Tugman, Virginia Roseman, Dalton George, Becca Nenow and Dalton George. Todd Carter attended the meeting remotely. Staff present included Interim Town Manager and Finance Director Amy Davis, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Communications Specialist Laney Pilkington, Public Works Director Rick Miller, Planning Director Jane Shook, Deputy Public Works Directors Todd Moody and Josh Eller, Sustainability and Special Projects Manager George Santucci, Human Resources Director Dale Presnell, Police Chief Andy Le Beau, Downtown Boone Development Coordinator Paige Henderson and Cultural Resources Director Mark Freed. Town Attorney Allison Meade was also in attendance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Ms. Roseman, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman, Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Futrelle read several comments he had received in support of the Town of Boone flying the Pride Flag and for its recent approval of the Pride Proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman reread the proclamation into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Martin of the Appalachian Theatre spoke to request additional outside agency funding for the theatre. He expressed thanks for the \$20,000 already in the budget, but clarified that an additional \$5,000 would mean additional funding from other donors who had promised to match the Town's donation if it donated a total of \$25,000.

Cynthia Banks of St. Luke's Episcopal Church spoke in support of the Town's recognition of Pride Month and the raising of the Pride Flag. She expressed support to the Town for its actions.

Nancy Gilmore of Boone was in support of the Town of Boone flying of the Pride Flag any month of the year.

Terry Taylor of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship believed that the deadliest sin was the mutilation of a child's spirit.

JP Pardy gave a brief update on the Boone Skatepark and introduced himself to new Council members.

Kathy Parham of Boone thanked Council for flying the Pride Flag and indicated that she believed it was important that young LGBTQ people knew they were supported.

Kristen Benson of Boone thanked Council for taking the steps they had taken to make Boone an all-inclusive community.

Monica Caruso of the Boone Library thanked Council for its support for the Pride Proclamation.

Caroline Daniel of Evergreen Counseling expressed gratitude for Council's support for the LGBTQ community.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

ERIC WOOLRIDGE - DESTINATION BY DESIGN

Mr. Woolridge of Destination by Design and Wright Tilley of the Watauga County Tourism Development Authority gave a presentation regarding the Imagine Watauga Plan. A complete copy of the presentation can be found online at <http://boonenc.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Mr. Tilley shared the most recent occupancy tax collection numbers through April, which indicated that the Town was more than 15% ahead in collections when compared to last year.

Mr. Woolridge asked the Council to designate three representatives to attend meetings regarding the National Guard Armory space. It was the consensus of Council to put this item on the July agenda for further discussion.

MATT COOPER - WATAUGA COUNTY FARMER'S MARKER

Mr. Cooper gave an update on the Farmer's Market and introduced Michelle Dineen as the new Market Manager.

ADOPTION OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Roseman, seconded by Ms. Tugman, Council voted unanimously to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. FY 2022/23 Budget Ordinance
2. Rainbow Trail Water Storage Tank Cleaning and Coating

ORDINANCE #

TOWN OF BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA FY 2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Boone, North Carolina that:

SECTION 1: It is established that the following revenues will be available in each fund listed for the operation of the Town of Boone government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	
CURRENT YEAR TAXES	\$ 8,119,656
PRIOR YEAR TAXES	\$ 45,000
TAX PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$ 14,500
NCVTS TAXES	\$ 145,000
TAX REFUNDS	\$ (1,000)
GROSS RECEIPTS TAX	\$ 40,000
PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS	\$ (250)
MUNICIPAL VEHICLE TAX	\$ 130,000
LOCAL SALES TAX 1%	\$ 1,607,770
LOCAL SALES TAX 1/2% (40)	\$ 691,595
LOCAL SALES TAX 1/2% (42)	\$ 797,390
LOCAL SALES TAX 1/4% (44)	\$ -
LOCAL SALES TAX 1/4% (14) MEDICAID HOLD HARMLESS	\$ 574,345
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TAX	\$ 15,465
BUSINESS LICENSE	\$ 1,550
ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX	\$ 625,000
ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX - ADMIN	\$ 60,000
LOCAL VIDEO PROGRAMMING REVENUE	\$ 135,990
UTILITIES FRANCHISE TAX	\$ 965,000

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SALES TAX	\$ 103,870
BEER & WINE TAX	\$ 85,000
ABC REVENUES	\$ 550,000
ABC BOARD - LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 38,500
STATE FUNDS - POWELL BILL	\$ 425,000
PYMT IN LIEU OF TAXES - APPALACHIAN STUDENT HOUSING	\$ 156,818
BUILDING & SIGN PERMIT FEES	\$ 200,000
COURT COSTS, FEES & CHARGES	\$ 1,000
PARKING VIOLATION PENALTIES	\$ 350,000
PENALTIES - PLANNING & INSPECTIONS	\$ 50,000
POLICE FEES	\$ 5,000
FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES - ASU	\$ 265,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT - MISC. FEES/PERMITS	\$ 82,500
E911 SERVICES - TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK	\$ -
PUBLIC WORKS FEES	\$ 5,500
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 35,000
INTEREST EARNED ON POWELL BILL	\$ 4,000
LIBRARY LOT PARKING	\$ 7,500
TRACY CIRCLE PARKING	\$ 5,500
HORN IN THE WEST PARKING	\$ 85,000
JONES HOUSE PARKING	\$ 7,500
QUEEN STREET PARKING	\$ 65,000
BOOT FEES	\$ 1,750
PARKING METERS	\$ 575,000
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY	\$ 20,000
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - POWELL BILL	\$ -
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	\$ 55,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS - CULTURAL RESOURCES	\$ 2,000
RENTAL INCOME	\$ 75,000
RENTAL INCOME - JONES HOUSE	\$ -
LICENSE FEES	\$ 1,000
CULTURAL RESOURCES REVENUE	\$ 30,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 277,949
LOAN PROCEEDS	\$ 350,686
TRANSFER FROM E-911	\$ -
TRANSFER FROM TOWN FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 104,100
TRANSFER FROM SIDEWALK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ -
TRANSFER FROM SEPARATION ALLOWANCE TRUST	\$ 79,984
TRANSFER FROM WATER & SEWER FUND	\$ 339,037
TRANSFER FROM MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 47,675
TRANSFER FROM TOB RURAL FIRE TAX	\$ 995,073
TRANSFER FROM AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS	\$ 2,905,591
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ -

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 22,354,544
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	
E-911 SERVICE CHARGE	\$ -
E-911 SERVICE CHARGE REALLOCATION REQUEST	\$ -
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ -
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM REVENUE	\$ -
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT	
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 35,600
TOTAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT	\$ 35,600
WATER & SEWER FUND	
CDBG - DECK HILL TANK PROJECT	\$ 75,000
CIVIL PENALTIES	\$ 5,000
PUBLIC UTILITIES FEES	\$ 750
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 15,000
WATER SALES	\$ 3,983,365
SEWER CHARGES	\$ 3,624,608
WATER - LABOR & MATERIAL CHARGES	\$ 100,000
SEWER - LABOR & MATERIAL CHARGES	\$ 25,000
CONNECTION/RECONNECTION/DISCONNECTION FEES	\$ 20,000
SEPTIC TANK DISCHARGE FEE	\$ 250,000
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES - WATER	\$ 75,000
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES - SEWER	\$ 75,000
NSF/RETURNED CHECK CHARGES	\$ 500
METER CHECK/RE-READS	\$ 15,000
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$ 2,219,362
UTILITY BILLING & COLLECTIONS	\$ 524,541
NON-DEPARTMENTAL/DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,985,021
TOTAL WATER & SEWER FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 9,445,513
HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,382,672
TOTAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,382,672
MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT	
MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 304,264
TOTAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 304,264

RURAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT	
RURAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 1,713,340
TOTAL RURAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,713,340
AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS	
AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS	\$ 3,133,911
TOTAL AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 3,133,911
GRAND TOTAL - ALL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 39,369,844

SECTION 3: There is hereby levied a tax rate of thirty six cents (\$0.36) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenues listed "Current Year Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. This rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$2,255,460,242 assessment ratio of 100% of the appraised value. The collection rate of 99.16% is reflected in the budget. The FY 2022-- 2023 operating budget follows the general reappraisal of real property for the Town of Boone. The Municipal Vehicle tax is levied at \$30.00 per registered vehicle.

SECTION 3 (a): There is hereby levied a tax rate of twelve cents (\$0.12) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenues listed "Current Year Taxes" in the Downtown Municipal Service District in Section 1 of this Ordinance. This rate is based on an established taxation of \$194,973,550 assessment ratio of 100% of the appraised value. The collection rate of 98.53% is reflected in the budget. The FY 2022-2023 operating budget follows the general reappraisal of real property for the Downtown Municipal Service District.

SECTION 4: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a Fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

A. He/she may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a Department to a maximum of the budgeted amount per Department. Transfers shall be filed with the Finance Department for public and Town Council inspection. Town Council shall approve transfers in excess of the limitation.

B. He/she may transfer available funds between departments of the same fund with an official report of such transfer on file with the Finance Department for inspection by the general public and the Town Council.

C. He/she may not transfer any amounts between Funds.

D. Town Council shall establish, by governing body procedure, the purchasing mechanism for large capital items (e.g. vehicle purchases). Such procedures

shall not be in conflict with NCGS 143-129.

SECTION 5: The rates for water and sewer shall be established as set forth in Exhibit A, which is an attachment to this Ordinance. These rates will remain in effect until subsequently repealed or modified by the Town Council.

SECTION 6: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Director and to the Budget Officer of the Town of Boone to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of June, 2022 by the Town Council of the Town of Boone, North Carolina.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

TOWN OF BOONE
WATER AND
SEWER
ORDINANCE
EFFECTIVE
07/01/2022

Late Penalty Charge:	\$10.00
Meter Re-read Charge:	\$10.00
Meter Connect/Disconnect/Reconnect (Each):	\$20.00
Returned Check Charge:	\$25.00
Septic Disposal Fees (Per 100 Gallons):	\$7.00 Residential; \$10.00 Commercial
System Development Fees (Per Gallon):	\$7.89 Water / \$7.99 Sewer

Deposits (Outside City Limits Deposits are Double Rates Listed Below):		
Residential	\$	150.00
Commercial	\$	500.00
Construction (Temporary):		
3/4"	\$	500.00
2" or 3"	\$	1,600.00

Minimum Fees Each - Water & Sewer:		
(Outside City Limits Minimums are Double Rates Listed Below)		
Minimum Residential 3/4" Includes 0 - 1,000 Gallons or	\$	16.70

Minimum Residential 3/4" Includes 1,001 - 2,000 Gallons	\$	18.25
Minimum Commercial 3/4" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	24.40
Minimum Commercial 1" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	29.70
Minimum Commercial 1 1/2" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	35.00
Minimum Commercial 2" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	35.00
Minimum Commercial 3" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	45.60
Minimum Commercial 4" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	56.20
Minimum Commercial 6" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	77.40
Minimum Commercial 8" Includes First 2,000 Gallons	\$	98.60

Consumption - Water:**(Outside City Limits Consumption is Double Rates Listed Below)**

2,001 to 4,999 Gallons	\$	7.30
5,000 to 9,999 Gallons	\$	7.60
10,000 to 14,999 Gallons	\$	7.85
15,000 to 19,999 Gallons	\$	8.10
Over 20,000 Gallons	\$	8.40

Consumption - Sewer:**tes Listed Below)****(Outside City Limits Consumption is Double Ra**

Over 2,000 per 1,000 Gallons - Residential	\$	6.45
Over 2,000 per 1,000 Gallons - Commercial	\$	6.70

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Roseman seconded by, Ms. Nenow, Council voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 7:21 p.m pursuant to:

1. N.C. Gen. Stat.§ 143-318.11(a)(1), to review, approve and seal closed session minutes from Council's prior closed session(s).
2. N.C. Gen. Stat.§ 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Town Council and obtain legal advice, consider and/or give instructions to the attorney concerning one or more potential legal claims.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman, seconded by Mr. George, Council voted unanimously to exit closed session at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Tim Futrelle, Mayor