



## Broad & Gales Creek Community Association, Inc.

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Tony Bello, President  
Steve Phifer, Vice President

Sallie Salter, Secretary  
Jeff Batten, Treasurer

### Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting October 13, 2022

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm**

**Board Members Present:**

Tony Matthews, Steve Phifer, Dusty Desteunder, Sallie Salter, Jeff Batten, Tony Bello, Robert Lewis, Missy Rhodes, Ryan Garcia

**Community Members Present:** Melina Ward, Mark Rippeth, Danny Moreno, Patrick Bello Jr., Mackenzie Williams, Victoria Parker

**Secretary's Report:** Sallie Salter

1. Minutes of the previous regular meeting were issued for approval.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of both agendas with changes.
  - a. Motion to approve by Steve Phifer
  - b. Seconded by Robert Lewis
  - c. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff Batten

1. Review Treasurer's Report and financial statements.
  - a. Mr. Batten referred to a question Dusty had last week about a negative balance on building and grounds. He verified it was from funding that was forwarded to purchase the air conditioning unit on the county side. The county has reimbursed, and it now balances out.
  - b. Overall, we are in good financial shape.
2. Motion to approve by Steve Phifer
  3. Seconded by Dusty Desteunder.
    - a. Motion passed

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Tony Matthews

1. Membership is on hold for now.
  - a. The state is now requiring criminal background checks for new members.
  - b. The Sheriff's department is most likely the best option.
  - c. There will be a cost associated with this.
  - d. Waiting for clarification on existing members.
  - e. Anyone with a felony will not be eligible for membership.
  - f. Steve Phifer asked about the membership application about background.
    - i. Chief mentioned that if nobody knows the prospect, references are required and a possible background check.
    - ii. Any academy candidates are required to have a background check.
    - iii. Mackenzie mentioned that the background check was \$35.

- iv. Steve mentioned that it might be a benefit to start the process now and start planning for next years budget to include these expenditures.
- 2. Trucks
  - a. All seem to be in good working order.
  - b. Service rep came and covered several options and small issues.
- 3. Hose Testing has started at the fire department and schools.
- 4. Events
  - a. Fall Festival is this Saturday
  - b. Fire Prevention tomorrow afternoon at Bogue Sound Elementary
  - c. Fall Festival at Bogue Sound Elementary on October 21.
  - d. Chief is in the process of drafting a letter for "Fireman take a kid to school" in the fire truck.
    - i. Parents will need to be on board and may also ride.
    - ii. Bogue Sound Elementary students.
  - e. October 29, Camp Albemarle Fall festival.
  - f. Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4.
- 5. Meeting with sales reps for a new truck. Waiting to hear back from them.
  - a. Once two quotes are acquired, will start taking a closer look.
  - b. Civic seems to think that with our history, it would not be an issue to roll everything into one payment.
- 6. NC State Firefighters Association has published a History of NC Fire Service. Available for viewing.
- 7. Patrick Bello, Jr. presented on installing tablets on the fire trucks.
  - a. Three tablets.
    - i. One in rescue and one on engine 1.
    - ii. One for an officer tablet for pre-plans, hose testing, etc.
  - b. This will enable firefighters to have access to information once on scene. Active 911 and more depending on Apps. Officers would also have access to apps on their phones.
  - c. Quotes
    - i. AT&T
      - 1. \$1,379.00 purchase price with tax.
      - 2. \$105/month for service
      - 3. \$120/month with insurance, no deductible.
      - 4. Unlimited data with Free hotspot
      - 5. \$1,440.00 per year
      - 6. One monthly payment would need to be made then can be paid off.
    - ii. Verizon
      - 1. \$1,379.00 purchase price with tax.
      - 2. \$120/month for service
      - 3. \$49/month insurance, not sure if there is a deductible
      - 4. \$2,028.00 per year
    - iii. Chargers, cases, mounts, etc.
      - 1. \$170
  - d. Tony Bello inquired about dead spots.
    - i. Tony Matthews mentioned that there is a dead spot on 9 mile and one on Hibbs by the district line. Hamm operator affects service. Dead Spot by Carteret/Craven Electric.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- 1. Bylaws: Robert Lewis
  - a. The bylaw amendments that were approved to present at the annual meeting were emailed out on September 15.

- b. Tony Bello mentioned that the amendments were posted in the lobby and on the website, well within the 30-day window before the annual meeting.
- 2. Building and Grounds: Steve Phifer
  - a. New Playground Equipment
    - i. Finally delivered last week.
    - ii. An attempt to have it setup with the help of the fire department volunteers last Saturday did not work out. Nobody showed.
  - b. The letter to the Postmaster must have resolved the issue of our mail being forwarded or returned to sender has ceased. We are receiving mail now.
  - c. The fire fighters cut down the oak tree that was leaning over the fence.
  - d. Tony Bello mentioned that the rates for the landscaping will increase due to higher expenditures on supplies, gas, equipment, etc.
- 3. Community Services (*Community Building*): Sallie Salter
  - a. The fall festival will be October 15, 11:00am – 2:00pm
  - b. Food
    - i. Feller abbot and his wife will cook the BBQ and hot dogs.
    - ii. Purchasing pre-made slaw
    - iii. Popcorn machine was donated.
    - iv. Water company allowing us to use the cotton candy machine.
    - v. Cake Walk. Will need deserts for that.
    - vi. Sallie is purchasing a snow cone machine.
    - vii. Tony Bello secured a bouncy house
  - c. Entertainment
    - i. There will be live entertainment during operational hours.
  - d. Compassion Closet is up and running upstairs at the community building.
    - i. Plenty of clothes and items for those in need.
  - e. November rentals are good.
    - i. Two weddings scheduled for November.
- 4. Ways and Means: ~~Missy Rhodes~~ (Sallie Reported)
  - a. Working to raise money for the association.
  - b. Received approximately \$250 so far.
  - c. Melinda pledged to donate.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Fire Exit Door between Fire/County.
  - a. Jeff Batten is still waiting on a quote for the door to have the fire alarm connected. This will be an emergency exit that will sound an alarm when opened. He hopes to have that within the next week or so.
    - i. Chief Matthews mentioned that Stephen Rea mentioned to him that he was not worried about the door.
    - ii. Steve mentioned that the county paramedics aren't worried about the door.
  - b. Mr. Batten will also investigate a remote fire annunciator panel.
    - i. An alarm was going off on the existing panel and nobody knew about it.
      - 1. Chief Matthews said he did get a call. If they can't reach him, it is routed to Mark Rippeth.
      - 2. Chief mentioned that it happens all the time. It is fed with old copper lines, not fiber optic.
    - ii. Jeff Batten seems to think it has something to do with the phone lines. Allison will get him the contact information. He thinks that cellular is not an option since it is required to be hard-wired.

- 2. Security Camera System
  - a. New lines have been run for outdoor cameras on the county side.
    - i. There were a few incidents where the Sheriff's department was called for reports of someone trying to get into the bay doors and side door.
    - ii. Only dead spot is by the Connex box.

**New Business:**

- 1. Playground Equipment.
  - a. Tony Bello mentioned that we need to put the assembly of the playground out for bid.
    - 1. Dusty Desteunder moved to put the assembly of the playground equipment out for bid by December Meeting.
      - a. Tony Matthews Second.
      - b. Motion Passed.
- 2. Tablet Purchase
  - a. Steve Phifer moved to purchase three iPads from AT&T to include \$1,440.00 annual service and insurance with accessories (Otter box cases, mounts, straps, etc.) capped at \$600.
    - 1. Discussion
      - a. Dusty asked if that would come out of the budget under phone?
      - b. Jeff mentioned that it would be a line item under communication purchases.
      - c. Dusty asked if we could add more tablets later. Patrick Bello confirmed that the contract is up to four devices.
    - 2. Dusty Desteunder seconded.
    - 3. Motion Passes.

**Adjournment:**

- 1. Motion to Adjourn: Steve Phifer
- 2. Second: Dusty Desteunder
- 3. Adjournment: at 7:50pm

Respectively presented by Secretary Sallie Salter.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Initials Date