



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 3, 2017
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
4:00 P.M.



Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Janie Cooper-Smith
Clyde B. Livingston

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Henry Summers, Public Works Director
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Connie Portee, Clerk to Council

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on April 3, 2017 at 4:03 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 20, 2017

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0).

1. REQUEST TO ADD ARMY ROAD TO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda items.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers for an update on Army Road. Henry Summers yielded to the road supervisor of that area Robert Thomas.

Mr. Thomas advised Army Road had a major problem at the end of it, it drops off of a hill. Mr. Thomas gave the committee photos of the water problem he advised the water on the left was running into the front yard of a single wide trailer and on the right the water runs into the front yard of the other trailer, behind the trailer on the right is a pond. Mr. Thomas advised the committee the County has had a lot of problems with sand and water going into ponds and at the end there is a cul-de-sac, half way down the road the water runs on both sides there is nowhere for the water to drain.

Henry Summers advised the committee of the locations of the two mobile homes and where the drain problem was located.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell recognized Billy Milhouse.

Billy Milhouse advised the committee that the roads had been there for twenty (20) years. A sway is there in the middle of Army Road and the sway is about full but they have never had any problems.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked, Mr. Milhouse does the swayer take the water off the road and does the sway come down near the mobile homes?

Billy Milhouse advised yes the water is diverted at this time but the sway needs to be opened up.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked are those rental trailers or does someone own the property they have trailers own?

Billy Milhouse advised Linda Bell owns the Army property and there are two or three that are buying. There are eight trailers.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the County ordinance and the rules and regulations read it has to be three or more home owners, for the County to take a road into the system. Once you have three different property owners then the committee could review the request again, but the County ordinance will not allow the County to take the road into the system because it's all owned by one person. It's a private road. When the new ordinance came about, that you had to pave a road for a subdivision County Council put in a rule to help the citizens out there in the outline part of this County, if it were three or more property owners on a road and the road meets the County specs, the County would take it into the system but one person owning a piece of property disqualifies it even if it was five houses back there.

Billy Milhouse advised he was willing to accept what the ordinance and the rules and regulations stated.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised even if you get three owners, the County got to have a way to handle that water, when he looked at the road the water was washing up against two or three houses and he could see how the County will be getting in trouble, so once you can get that water under control somewhere, we can take another look at the road but the water is a major problem on this road.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised with Navy road that pond behind it is worse, because the County is being sued for water running into ponds. The County has had to pay out a lot of money the last few years. If sand get into a pond and you don't find ponds on top of a hill, you find ponds in the below and water goes to the button but the courts don't care.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked, who own the pond?

Billy Milhouse advised he did not know but it was a half a mile away and they owned land behind the pond which would take care of any erosion.

2. REQUEST TO ADD NAVY ROAD TO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANACE SYSTEM

Henry Summers advised the committee if they decided to take in either one of the roads according to the County rules and regulations, Mr. Milhouse or whomever owned the road would have to present the road to the County in better condition than it is.

Billy Milhouse advised they had no interested in Navy Road, he helped built the subdivision but Mr. Bates owned most of the property, his daughter own one lot in the back and the road.

Robert Thomas advised the residents were not driving the road way, they are driving on the side by the trailer, the trailers are on the left side.

Billy Milhouse advised he had been maintaining the road for the people who own the road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked, who owned the road?

Billy Milhouse advised his daughter owned the road, Cindy Griffin and he agreed the road was in really bad shape.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell recognized **Councilman Heyward Livingston** because of the road being in his district.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised that he fights to have every road to get into the system but he could not recommend Navy Road because it does not meet any of the County qualifications.

Billy Milhouse asked, what did he need to do because he would try to do it?

Henry Summers advised on either one of the roads especially with the pond, the County would need to have written clearance so when the water come off of Army road down into the pond the County is not held responsible.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised for the last year or two the County has been staying away from ponds.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised right now according to the County ordinance Army Road would not qualify and Navy will qualify if the road meets the criteria.

Henry Summers advised Mr. Milhouse he would have to pull the road up and establish some drainage on the road.

Billy Milhouse advised Linda Bell owned enough of the land behind the pond to take care of any erosion.

Henry Summers advised Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Bell will need to sign a form.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised the pond need to be a release form on file and build the Navy road back to County specs.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell entertained a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion that the County receive a release form on the pond. Once all the paper work on the pond had been submitted and Navy Road had been built up to the County criteria, a request to add Navy Road to the County road maintenance system could be resubmitted. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

3. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of March 20, 2017, be adjourned. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



**Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council**



**Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee**