

November 9, 2020
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the East Bend Public Library due to COVID-19 and the size restrictions at Town Hall. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Wanda S. Johnson and George W. Burns. Neal Nichols and Mae Luffman were absent.
2. The October 12, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock said that the people that wants to put in a solar farm off Smithtown Road has filed an appeal to have the decision reversed to still be able to do it. It had been denied. The courts are running behind so it may be sometime next year before they have the hearing.
4. Janice Hicks from the Planning/Zoning Board said that we need a better searchable way to find what we need in the Ordinance book and that Ben Peacock may consider working on this. He will provide us a contract at the next meeting on how to manage the process and the charge for it. Mrs. Hicks also suggested that James Dunn and Andy Snow serve on the Planning/Zoning Board as an alternate. Commissioner Johnson made a motion that James Dunn and Andy Snow be appointed as an alternate on the Planning/Zoning Board. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
5. Election Results for our Mayor and Commissioners were Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr for 2 years. Commissioners Larry W. Adams and Edward G. Venable for 4 years and Commissioner Neal Nichols for 2 years. We will be making pictures at the December 14th meeting.
6. The PARTF Grant has been signed by the Mayor and returned to the committee for them to sign. When this is signed and returned to us, we are good to start working on the project.
7. The Town also received the Hanes Grant for the East Bend Town Square and should be getting a letter in December as to the amount.
8. Recent Storm Response the town had a lot of down trees and power outage. Ann Neill sent a thank you note thanking Gavin Brannon for helping to clean up the damage on the road at her house, even working in the rain.
9. Mayor Hicks asked that everyone be thinking about what to do and when to have a groundbreaking ceremony for the new East Bend Town Square.
10. Vickie Sawyer has asked to have a Zoom meeting with the Mayor and Commissioners on Nov. 12, 2020 from 2:30 – 5:00 to talk about Legislative Goals.
11. Chief Shore gave a police update, they did have 4 arrest this past month and everything else was normal.
12. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
13. Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Dec. 14, 2020
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.
Archie B. Hicks, Jr Mayor

Vickie J. Matthews
Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator