

**TOWN OF JONESVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
December 11, 2017**

The Town of Jonesville Board met for a Public Hearing on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the Jonesville Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Gene Pardue **Absent:** Tracy Wall
Council Present: Wayne Moore Andy Green
 Anita Darnell

Others Present: Michael Pardue, Town Manager
 Wendy Thompson, Town Clerk & Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gene Pardue called the meeting to order.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gene Pardue read a general statement regarding the purpose for the Public Hearing being to inform citizens of that the bridge on US 21 near Swan Creek Bypass in Jonesville is scheduled for replacement.

Town Clerk Wendy Thompson read the Hearing Notice & Statement of Purpose in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-81, also stating the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from citizens and hear their concerns.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

Michael Pardue, Town Manger presented information for the upcoming replacement of the US 21 bridge stating the NC Department of Transportation's plan to close the bridge for an estimated period of one year. The Town Manager stated that Doug Chappell on behalf of the Jonesville Planning Board had previously presented concerns to the Town Council about citizen's safety during the time period the bridge is proposed to be closed. The project is scheduled to begin in spring of 2020. The Jonesville Planning Board also previously presented recommendations to the Town Council as an alternate solution to closing the bridge. Said proposed solutions allow for the bridge to remain open with uninterrupted traffic flow during construction, including a temporary bridge, building the new bridge beside the current bridge, single lane bridge or other similar means as presented to the Town Council at the November 13, 2017 meeting.

Keith Vestal, Emergency Services Director with Yadkin County Emergency Management presented a power point presentation stating issues with response times in fire and medical situations along with detouring of traffic during times I-77 has to be shut down. County roads are not always suitable for constant travel by heavy emergency apparatus which will cause damage to roadways.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD


Keith Vestal answered questions regarding re-routing of traffic during closure of I-77 due to accidents. Traffic is re-routed down Highway 21 through Jonesville.

Town Manager stated that the safety of the citizens and public in this area is first and foremost for the Town Council.

No one else requested to speak.

ADJOURN

Mayor Gene Pardue thanked everyone and adjourned the Public Hearing.



The Honorable Gene Pardue
Mayor Town of Jonesville



Wenona C. Thompson, Town Clerk

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