

Town of Mount Olive
November 20, 2025
Special Called Board
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jerome Newton called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Those in attendance per roll call were Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay, Commissioner Delreese Simmons, Commissioner Vicky Darden, Commissioner Danny Keel, Commissioner Tommy Brown, Town Attorney Carroll Turner, Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland and Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis.

Mayor Jerome Newton delivered the invocation and Commissioner Delreese Simmons led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerome Newton read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement; there were no conflicts.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to approve the published agenda. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion to approve. Commissioner Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton then discussed Action Memo – 11-39 – Consider Approval of Tentative Contractor Award for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Grant VUR-W-ARP-0088 to Bowen Engineering from Approximately \$4,699,299.00 Pending NC DEQ Approval.

McGill Engineer David Honeycutt is here for any questions. Commissioner Delreese Simmons wanted to know why it took so long for the Engineering Contract. David Honeycutt stated the original application was prepared with a certain scope of work. Former Town Manager Jammie Royall and Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland (WWTP ORC at the time) approved the original scope. We prepared and submitted the report for the original scope and started the design. Then there was another discussion regarding a scope change regarding a new filter rather than a rehabilitation of the current headworks and aeration. This was a substantial change. Commissioner Delreese Simmons asked when this occurred. David Honeycutt responded around the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023. Permits must be obtained before beginning the work. Commissioner Delreese Simmons replied, is not the first time it has been delayed. David Honeycutt agreed. Commissioner Danny Keel asked David Honeycutt how much McGill makes. David Honeycutt stated he is not sure of the exact amount but \$300,000.00 was taken away from the construction to pay the Council of Government five percent. Town Clerk Sherry Davis advised the Council of Government is administering three grants at five percent each.

Commissioner Danny Keel made a motion to approve Action Memo – 11-39. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Jerome Newton advised he would like to discuss it further. Commissioner Danny Keel responded, we need to approve so we don't lose the money. Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland stated the sand filter will benefit the town but next year by this time we will not be off the moratorium. However, we don't want to lose this funding. Commissioner Tommy Brown commented, this is a step in the right direction. Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland responded, yes eventually. Mayor Jerome Newton said we don't have a choice but to approve. In the future we must hold engineers accountable. Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay called the motion and second on the floor to question. Mayor Jerome Newton requested a vote. The motion passed 5-0.

With there being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerome Newton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk