

Corolla Civic Association Minutes
June 28, 2018
Corolla Library

President Barbara Marzetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members Bill Collins and Gerri Adams were also present. A total of 15 members were in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 24 members' meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report. Gary reported that the current CCA general account balance is \$6577, and the Legal Fund balance is \$1060. Barb requested members to make additional contributions to the Legal Fund and to contact their friends and neighbors to do the same.

County Budget Approved. Barb reported that three CCA Board members and another CCA member attended and provided comments at the June 18 BOC hearing on the County's proposed budget for FY 2019-20. The BOC Chairman noted that CCA had sent its written questions to the County on the Friday before the hearing, and said they would be considered after the hearing and the budget could be amended if necessary. The Commissioners then proceeded to adopt the proposed budget unanimously. The County Manager responded to CCA's comments on the following Friday, June 22. His comments were essentially unresponsive, and CCA is now preparing our comments on his responses.

A member asked Barb whether there had been any BOC Work Sessions, and Barb explained that two sessions had been scheduled, the first one was held & the second was cancelled. The County said the second was rescheduled but we had no notice of it. The member said he had watched the budget hearing online, and he asked about Chairman Hanig's comments at the hearing that the County's auditor had for many years reviewed and approved the legality of the County's expenditures of OT proceeds. A lively discussion followed about what exactly an audit shows and doesn't show.

Occupancy Tax Update. Barb noted that we have been contacted by tourism groups at the State level, and that they told us that they are concerned with the County's OT spending. They said that other counties in the State are complaining about Currituck's liberal expenditures of OT proceeds and asking why they can't do the same. We are hoping that these tourism groups may support our cause financially or by filing amicus briefs if we proceed to litigation.

Barb said that the next member meeting is on Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m. There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins, Secretary