

**Village of South Charleston**  
**Special Commission Meeting**

**April 2, 2018**

**5:00 A.M.**

Members Present: President Samuel Stucky, Commissioner Brad Taylor, Village Manager Trecia Waring and Clerk Jessica Hiser

Guest: None

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Roll Call**

**II. New Business**

- The meeting was called by Vice President Durfey to discuss the Veterans Memorial. He says it was common knowledge that it was going to be at the pool property and he said we have discussed it. There will be several people here at the meeting tomorrow. To discuss the placement of the Memorial he felt that the Memorial should be at the Cemetery but others did not like that idea. He is upset that several people knew what the Veterans committee was planning and never brought up that there needed to be an agreement by the Commission and the Pool Board. The Veterans Committee has been planning on this for the last year and a half. He wants to know why the Veterans Committee can't use the property and President Stucky asked who said that they cannot use the property and Vice President Durfey said the girls are saying they can't use the pool property. Jessica explained that there is not a problem with the use of the pool property but there hasn't been a discussion between the Pool, Veterans and the commission to work out all of the details. When the pool spoke with Jessica, they were unaware of the memorial being placed on the property. Vice President Durfey told Jessica that the pool board did know that it was going on there since word gets around town. Jessica then asked him if the Veterans Committee went to the Pool Board and discussed with them about the placement of the memorial and Vice President Durfey said no they have not but maybe they should have. Trecia said that it is not our responsibility to go to the Veterans

Committee and get all of the details. They should have come to us, updated, and asked for the placement to be at the pool property. This all came up because when Vice President Durfey came to her and asked her to take down the sign and since the sign is not ours there is nothing we are able to do with it. Vice President Durfey explained that he didn't want to take the sign down just to move it. Trecia said that we could not do that since it is their sign and we would be using taxpayer dollars to move a sign that does not belong to us. Vice President Durfey said that things should be cleared up at tomorrow's meeting. Vice President Durfey stated that he feels that Jessica and Trecia knew where they were planning to put the memorial and Trecia said she did know but it is not her job to approve or deny the placement. Commissioner Taylor thinks that it needed to come to this point because it was an assumption. Vice President Durfey states that it was common knowledge. Commissioner Taylor wants to know about who is going to take care of the memorial so we can protect the legal side for the pool and their agreement. Trecia said that the pool is liable for every inch of this property while they are still operating and the Village is completely hands off. Jessica said that tomorrow and pool and the Veterans memorial representatives are supposed to be at the meeting so things will be able to get started to iron out. This is all just a communication error. Everyone just needs the details. Things like maintenance, liability, size and location. Commissioner Taylor asked if there is a drawing of the proposed memorial. Vice President Durfey said the whole thing started at the High School by a student and then the older group combined with the students to raise the money for a Veterans Memorial. It will be a tall task to raise enough money for the Memorial. The other Memorials have cost upwards of \$70,000. Trecia stated that we just need to layout all of the decisions and then talk with Jim and put it into a legal document. She stated that she and Jessica felt like he was questioning our jobs. And yes it could have been handled earlier but the Veterans Committee should have approached the Village sooner. President Stucky said that at the time they came to the Village we said we would work with them anyway we can and the pool property would be an ideal spot. However, the Commissioners should have contacted the pool he is not sure where the ball was dropped but it is definitely something that can all be worked out and if we do not get it worked out tomorrow, we can meet with them separately. There is no way that he does not see we cannot get it worked

out. Commissioner Taylor asked how long the pool agreement is for and Trecia and Jessica both said it lasted until they walk away from the pool. Therefore, the pool would need to agree to give up part of the land for the memorial. They want to put the Memorial right where the pool sign is. Nevertheless, the pool will have a sign we will not leave them without one. Trecia said that the agreement will be the quick part of all of this and the hard part will be getting it all legally in writing that will delay the agreement.

**III. Motion to Adjourn**

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Commissioner Taylor and a vote of 3/0 the meeting is adjourned

Meeting Adjourned 5:24 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jessica N Hiser/Clerk

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Samuel D Stucky/President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES AS TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON COMMISSION.