

Town of Mount Olive
March 12, 2026
Special Called Board
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jerome Newton called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Those in attendance per roll call were Mayor Pro-Tempore Delreese Simmons, Commissioner C.J. Weaver, Commissioner Vicky Darden, Commissioner Harlie Carmichael, Commissioner Gena Knode, Town Attorney Carroll Turner, Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland and Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis.

Mayor Jerome Newton delivered the invocation and 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 agenda. Commissioner Vicky Darden made the motion to approve. Commissioner Gena Knode seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton discussed Action- Memo - 03-33 – Closed session pursuant to NCGS SEC. 143-318.11 (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session, and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Gena Knode made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

The closed session lasted approximately one hour, and the Town consulted with their attorney regarding the wastewater treatment plant spray field operations.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to come out of closed session back into open session. Commissioner Gena Knode made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton then discussed Action-Memo – 03-34 Consider Approval of Any Action the Board Deems Necessary. Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to allow Attorney Ron Lawrence to write a letter to NC DEQ authorizing Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland and wastewater treatment plant staff to adjust the spray heads or modify them to be able to run the system. Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland commented some money will have to be spent to adjust the spray heads. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael made the motion to allow Attorney Ron Lawrence to write a letter to NC DEQ authorizing Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland and wastewater treatment plant staff to adjust the spray heads or modify them to be able to run the system. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

With there being no further business, Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gena Knode made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerome Newton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk