

TOWN OF JAMESVILLE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 06/22/2026
MINUTES

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Special Board Meeting held between 6:02 p.m. & 6:16 p.m. on 06/22/2026 at the Jamesville Town Hall, 1211 Water Street, Jamesville, NC 27846. Virtual meeting attendance was provided for public access through Zoom meeting.

Attendees

- Betty Moore Williams – Mayor
- Preston Craddock – Mayor Pro Tem
- Mary Allen – Commissioner
- Kimberly Cockrell – Commissioner
- Rachel Craddock – Commissioner
- Willis Williams – Commissioner

Also Attending

- Town Attorney Samuel Gray / Cauley-Pridgen
- Bradley Lee – 1931 Main Street, Jamesville

Minutes Recorder – Kimberly Cockrell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Preston Craddock welcomed everyone in attendance, calling the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members took turns introducing themselves, as well as Town Attorney Samuel Gray with Cauley-Pridgen.

Attorney Gray then noted for the record that Mayor Betty Moore Williams is recusing herself from participating as an acting board member in the special appeal hearing, who as mayor issued the official Notice of Violation to Bradley Lee on May 14, 2026.

II. Statement of Purpose

Mayor Pro Tem Craddock stated that the purpose of this special meeting is to hear the appeal of the May 14, 2026 Notice of Violation to Bradley Lee.

III. Swearing In

Upon instruction by the clerk, Town Clerk Kimberly Cockrell administered individual oaths to Mayor Betty Moore Williams and Bradley Lee. Said oaths have been signed and dated with a notary seal, filed with the clerk. Attorney Gray noted for the record that both Williams and Lee are attending in person.

IV. Appeal Hearing

a. Presentation of violation and reasoning for issuance thereof. Attorney Gray asserted that the board is holding this special meeting to consider an appeal of a Notice of Violation regarding Ordinance #041116 issued on May 14, 2026 against Bradley Lee of 1931 Main Street, Jamesville, NC 27846.

Mayor Williams read into the record the May 14, 2026 violation letter:

Town of Jamesville
Notice of Ordinance Violation
May 14, 2026

Bradley Lee
1931 Main Street
Jamesville, NC 27846

RE: Notice to Abate Ordinance Violation
Property located at 1931 Main Street, Jamesville, NC 27846
Parcel ID: 0102229

Mr. Lee:

Please be advised that your property located at the above-listed address is in violation of the Town of Jamesville's ordinances. More specifically, the following conditions exist on your property and must be addressed immediately:

1. Presence of prohibited animals within town limits. Specifically, chickens and ducks on your property prohibited under Town of Jamesville Ordinance #041116. Chickens and other poultry, such as ducks, are prohibited within the Town Limits of Jamesville, North Carolina unless possessed as part of a town sponsored event, which is not applicable.

Pursuant to Ordinance #041116, you are hereby ordered to remove all chickens, ducks, poultry, and any other prohibited animals from your property within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice. You may appeal this notice in writing to the Town Board of Commissioners within seven (7) days of receipt thereof. Should you fail to comply, the Town will take such action as is necessary to seek an injunction to compel the removal of the prohibited animals and/or impose civil penalties upon you as permitted by Ordinance #041116. Should litigation be necessary, be advised that the Town will request that all costs of the proceeding be assessed against you.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this notice or the actions required on your part to comply with the Town's ordinances, please contact me or the town attorney using the contact information below.

Betty Moore Williams
Mayor, Town of Jamesville, North Carolina
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(252) 792-5006

cc: Cauley-Pridgen, PA
Samuel R. Gray, Town Attorney
sgray@cauleypridgen.com
(252) 291-3848

b. Presentation of appeal by appellant. Town Attorney Gray invited Bradley Lee to present his reasoning why the notice of violation should be reversed or to share any other factor the board needs to consider. Instruction was given to not make attacks or personal remarks directed towards any board member. After Lee's presentation, board members may ask questions if so desired and then act upon whether or not to uphold the notice of violation or grant an appeal.

Bradley Lee first asked if board members had received a written copy of his May 18, 2026 Formal Written Appeal of Notice of Ordinance Violation, with Attorney Gray giving an affirmative response. [This document is available for public perusal upon request.]

Lee stated that the majority of his comments have been included in the cited document, asserting he believes a grandfathering right allows him to continue to have livestock. Said document quotes actions taken at various town board meetings addressing livestock issues.

Lee also mentioned he has submitted a public records request. A comment was next made about proper posting of public notices, that he understands posting is made on the town office doors but he was unable to ascertain proper posting otherwise without the public records information. [A copy of the public records request is available for public perusal upon request.]

Lee then indicated livestock issues was first brought to his attention in June 2024 after the original ordinance was amended. Lee noted he responded to the town at that time citing his belief of grandfathering rights, adding that he was and still is a homeschool institution. Further comments by Lee addressed:

- how his children benefit from the chickens, eggs and meat
- how homesteading is associated with Christian teachings
- that taking away his livestock would be a major detriment to his children and a financial loss as a poultry farmer
- that he would not cite how many chickens he has because he's not been asked at this time
- that he maintains his grandfather rights as he was not further contacted for twenty-two (22) months, and
- that he wishes to maintain and continue producing meat and eggs as he has been doing on his homestead since February 2024.

c. Questions by Board of Commissioners. Attorney Gray opened the floor for questions to Bradley Lee by board members. Hearing none, the attorney recommended that the board propose a motion on this matter. Time was 6:13 p.m.

d. Vote by Board of Commissioners. Upon call by Mayor Pro Tem Craddock for a motion concerning the appeal by Bradley Lee, Commissioner Rachel Craddock moved that the board deny the appeal at this time. A second was given by Commissioner Cockrell. Vote was unanimous. 5 Ayes – 0 Nays.

V. Additional Comments

Public Records Request. When questioned by Lee, this matter was addressed by the town attorney who noted that a prior response has already been provided outlining which documents will be made available and which materials are protected under attorney-client privilege. This public records request spans an extensive time period, and due to the significant volume of documents involved, staff will require a reasonable amount of time to prepare the records for inspection.

Last Comments by Lee. Lee stated his disagreement with the town board's rejection of the appeal and that he reserves all rights to proceed with how he responds to the board's decision. Attorney Gray replied with, "noted."

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Rachel Craddock moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Willis Williams. Vote was unanimous. 5 Ayes – 0 Nays. Time was 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kimberly Cockrell,
Town Clerk/Finance Officer