



**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 13, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

   X COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER  
   COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER (working)  
   X COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN  
   X COMMISSIONER BILL RADFORD  
   X MAYOR JEFF HOLT

**STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Holt gave the invocation and Commissioner Radford led the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**AGENDA**

ADDITIONS: Other Business: Triangle East Chamber of Commerce (JH)  
New Business: US Cellular issue (PP)

*MOTION TO ADOPT:* Radford

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

**MINUTES: 12-09-19**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Austin Barbour, who resides at 44 French Drive in Pine South Subdivision, was first to address the board. He acknowledged that they would like to have speed bumps in his neighborhood. Mayor Holt informed him that the police chief could get him a copy of the town's policy on requesting traffic calming devices. The mayor said they heard complaints from that area frequently. Mr. Barbour said his main concern had to do with the letter he recently received from Ray Stuckey, concerning their water supply and the high level of contaminants. He asked if there was anything being done to alleviate the problem, or could they do anything. He asked what the cause is, and why does it keep happening. He said they did some research and found on the EPA website that there had been 12 instances since 2006. He said they buy water to drink, and make tea, etc., because of his children and their uncertainty about the water. Ray Stuckey said the action level for the chloramines in the county water was .08, and they would have to drink voluminous amounts of the water for it to cause trouble. He said the line dead ends and that does not help the issue. He said the only thing the town could do would be for him to flush the lines prior to collecting a sample for testing. He explained that the county super chlorinates their water since it must travel long distances, and it sits in the lines and forms the chloramines. Mayor Holt said he would talk to the county manager about some type of relief on the water testing. Mr. Stuckey said his next sample would be in February. Mayor Holt thanked Mr. Barbour for coming forward with his concerns.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

SENIORS GROUP: Commissioner Pittman said the Seniors had a good meeting and meal last week and a good program.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Still having breaks in water lines. Working on water/sewer project; hope to soon see progress. Ray talked with Chad Simmons and the state is in the process of reviewing the plans for the project.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. New garbage truck soon to be delivered. Ray Stuckey talked with Tobias Fullwood with USDA, and they will take about three weeks to complete their paperwork, so they set a closing for the week of January 27. He said the truck is just over \$168,000, but he thought all the paperwork had been taken care of. Commissioner Radford said they could have the truck on display at the town hall so people could come by and get a look at it. Town Attorney Will Barham said he was working on the legal paperwork and he was also working with Mr. Fullwood.

RECREATION: Commissioner Radford. Talked with Scottie and recreation programs are going forward. Basketball just got underway with twelve teams and baseball/softball signups are coming up. Reverse Raffle will be March 9, with a prize amount of \$4000. He said he had ideas for later in the spring, with some food trucks at the park and an impromptu meeting with a car show for fun and fellowship.

POLICE: Chief Woodard said things are running normally. One new car to be outfitted and put on the road. Submitting grant next week for body cameras in cars and rifles. Requires no matching funds. One of the officers had a fire at his home in Four Oaks and a fund had been established through the State Credit Union for him.

FINANCE: Clerk pointed out budget amendments that bring the current budget up to date. Amendments were unanimously adopted.

*MOTION TO ADOPT:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Radford

*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PROCLAMATION FOR ALL IN RED WEEK**

Mayor Holt explained that he has been working to promote the week of February 7-14, 2020 as ALL IN RED WEEK, to raise awareness on heart disease and its impact in the county. He said all the towns in the county and Johnston County, as well, have agreed to participate in the program, and he encouraged everyone to wear red on February 7, 2020.

**TRIANGLE EAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mayor Holt pointed out that he frequently receives requests to join the area Chamber of Commerce, which is no longer called the Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce. He said eight of the eleven municipalities in Johnston County belong to the Chamber, and the group has more countywide emphasis now. He felt it would be beneficial for the town to join the Chamber, and he thought the annual fee was \$500. Commissioner Radford agreed it would be beneficial to join. The board agreed to join the Triangle East Chamber of Commerce.

*MOTION:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Radford  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**UTILITY SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS CO, INC.**

Commissioner Pittman reported that he met previously with Utility Service Company concerning a communications company wanting to install equipment on the town's water tank. He just received an agreement between Utility Service Communications and US Cellular for installation of communications equipment on the tank. According to the agreement, beginning January 1, 2020 US Cellular will pay \$2250.00 per month for their license at this water tank site. The monthly site fee amount will increase by 3% every anniversary thereafter for the duration of the license agreement and the town will receive an annual payment of seventy percent (70%) of the total site fees collected during a calendar year within sixty days following the end of the calendar year. The board voted unanimously to approve the contract, contingent upon review by the town attorney, and authorized the mayor to sign any necessary paperwork.

*MOTION:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Radford  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:40 p.m. the board entered a closed session to discuss personnel, with all of the board members and the town attorney in attendance. The board held a brief discussion relative to personnel matters and re-entered regular session at 7:45 p.m.

*MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION:* Baker  
*SECOND:* Pittman  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

Upon re-entering regular session, the board voted unanimously to contribute \$1000 to Police Officer Matt Cuddington and his family, since they suffered losses to their home and belongings in a recent house fire, and they are currently displaced from their home.

*MOTION :* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Radford  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting came to an end at 7:50 p.m.

*MOTION TO ADJOURN:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Baker  
*VOTE:* unanimous

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**