



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
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 Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

 X COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 X COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 X COMMISSIONER ANTHONY GUDAC
 X COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 X MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Keith Sparks, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt gave the invocation and Commissioner Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that Dan Simmons was absent because he has new twin grandsons, and that one of the babies, Spencer Simmons, weighs only four pounds and is not doing very well at the hospital in Chapel Hill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO ADOPT: Anderson
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01-10-13

MOTION TO ADOPT: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor asked if anyone wished to comment on non-agenda items. Sal Navarro asked about the development proposed for South Peedin Avenue. Mayor Holt said there has been no activity on it. Commissioner Pittman said there would probably be no further activity unless the economy turns around. The mayor commented that the developer had already sold one of his other developments. He said they have not heard anything pertaining to the Peedin Avenue subdivision. He noted that Dennis Blackmon, the surveyor who represented that particular development, is now fighting colon cancer.

PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Mayor Holt reviewed a Proclamation for American Heart Month during February in Pine Level. The board voted unanimously to approve the proclamation. Mayor Holt commented that heart disease is so prevalent, that it has probably touched everyone in the room in one way or another, and it is important to join in the fight to eliminate heart disease. A copy of the proclamation is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

The mayor commented that the seniors group had a successful meeting earlier this week, with a program by Tim Crocker. Over 100 people attended the meeting.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. One issue this month over an existing sewer tap, but Ray Stuckey consulted with the office staff and found that earlier residents had paid certain fees and this owner had already come and paid their fees, so that everything should be cleared up. Everything else okay.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Basketball season ending. Spring sports sign up underway. Reverse Raffle tickets available for \$50. Already planning for July Fourth. Boy Scout signage project underway at park. Board decided on sign with pine cones for new fields across Crescent Street, instead of recreational equipment. Mayor said Alex Pilkington is working on the project and it should look nice, while the town would have little invested in the nice brick sign. Commissioner Anderson said new playground equipment is being used about every day.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Older car giving problems. Need to look at replacement soon. Chief said department has responded to many calls, both from telephone calls and from office contacts. Possibility of participating in state program whereby department can submit state reports, at no charge to the town. Could then discontinue use of PolicePak and save the \$4015 annual fee that is paid to Southern Software. Chief said there was no reason to continue to waste tax dollars if the state is going to provide the program. He said that money could go toward a car purchase.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. No update yet on sidewalk project for Peedin Avenue. Still waiting on DOT. Reviewing some ditching problems, also some areas need patching/resurfacing on streets. Garbage men doing a great job with pick up beside the streets. Put new tires on garbage truck for \$3535. New employee in public works department on the job about a month, named Ryan Rinehart. Mayor said he has received complaints and asked about sewer easement in LaBelle Acres, between Oak Street and Dogwood Lane, and whether or not town is to maintain it. Commissioner Gudac said the town should maintain it, and probably should look into placing rip rap in the ditch. Commissioner Pittman said he could look into that issue next week.

FIRE DEPT: Greg Johnson reported for the fire department. He said they are planning a 5K Run on March 30th and that Fireman's Day will be held on May 11th, with a pig cook-off starting on May 10th. He said they will also have a raffle, like they held in previous years. Commissioner Pittman commented that the fire department's 60th anniversary celebration was a great event.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor pointed out that the roof on the town hall building is leaking in several areas and is in need of repair. Estimate to clean up the joints, valleys, install 120 ft. of new gutter, new lap tape and install all new screws will cost \$7460. He said it was still the original roof on the building, so it was probably 30 years old. The board voted unanimously to do the roof repairs as needed.

MOTION: Anderson

SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

Commissioner Gudac said he would like to see Pine Level send a letter of support to Smithfield in support of naming the new bridge over the Neuse River in memory of Deputy Paul West, who was killed in the line of duty while employed by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office. He said Deputy West actually lived outside of Pine Level, and that he was always working with young people. Mayor Holt said he would have no problem with that, if the board supported the idea. Commissioner Garner said he agreed to go ahead and send the letter. The mayor said he would get a letter in the mail to the Town of Smithfield.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR