

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010
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 March 8, 2010 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Nester McClain gave the invocation and Commissioner Garner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Several Boy Scout members were on hand to observe the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO ADOPT: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02-08-10

MOTION TO ADOPT: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor then asked if anyone wished to comment on non-agenda items. He explained, for the scouts' benefit, that the board follows Robert's Rules of Order and he said that not voting on an issue is equivalent to a "yes" vote. The scouts attended the meeting in order to work toward their communications merit badge requirement for Eagle Scout. Mayor Holt said the scouts are future leaders in the community.

Commissioner Pittman commented on a news article wherein a Clayton man had scored 67 points in a basketball game. He said a Pine Level man, Robert Glenn Dupree, who scored 53 points in a game in 1950, held the previous record. He congratulated Mr. Dupree for holding the record for so many years.

Kester Kornegay asked if the town had located any more infiltration areas in the sewer system. Mayor Holt said they would report on that matter later in the meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nester McClain reported that the Seniors would meet this Wednesday and the VFW would be providing lunch.

Sal Navarro reported that the Planning Board would meet on March 25th with Susan Woodard, who will explain the JC Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance and answer questions. He said the board members would be welcome to attend the meeting. Frank Wood also said he might attend.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Holt explained that the board members are assigned to different departments and they act as a sort of liaison for the citizens and employees, and they give a monthly report on what is taking place in their departments.

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going well. Last snow did not cause any problems with the streets and sidewalks. Need to purchase covers for town's dump trucks so the employees will not have to climb up on the trucks and tie down tarps. He thought that bids would come in at \$2500 to \$3500. Mayor Holt asked for a motion to authorize Commissioner Garner to proceed with the purchase. The board voted unanimously for Commissioner Garner to purchase the covers, not to exceed \$5,000.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

RECREATION: Scottie Hayes. Spring sports sign-up just completed. Working on July Fourth.

POLICE: Commissioner Gudac. Working with chief on a couple of issues. Looking at bulletproof vests for the officers. Also looking at standardizing personal firearms for officers, and keeping training up to date. Officers are patrolling, cars are being maintained. Next Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 30th.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Ray and the men have located several areas where infiltration is taking place in the sewer system. They have been smoke testing and running the camera in sewer lines. Ray Stuckey said they found a lot of cleanout plugs that had been broken off, perhaps by lawn mowing. He also said they found 6-7 areas where they would need to dig up the lines to make repairs. Commissioner Pittman said the new water tank is underway. Dan Simmons said the contractors drove 33 pilings and hit bedrock at 25 feet down. He said there would be no chance of differential settlement on the new tank. Everything so far is going according to plans.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Frank Wood said he had been talking with Dan Simmons about a couple of projects. He had a new survey done of the new town hall site because the old survey description didn't quite match up. Dan said the mapping would be complete this week.

INTERIM FINANCING FOR TOWN HALL

Next the board considered an interim financing proposal from KS Bank for purchasing the building to be renovated as a new town hall. Mayor Holt explained that two financing proposals were received, from KS Bank and from The Heritage Bank. Mayor Holt said the purchase could take place once the financing is approved. He said the resolution is merely a formality required by the bank and he explained that the agreement calls for an interest rate of prime plus one/half percent with a minimum cap of 3.75%. It will work like a construction loan, guaranteed by the USDA. The board voted unanimously to approve the financing proposal from KS Bank and adopt the resolution, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

CENSUS 2010

The board then heard from two Census 2010 representatives. Frances Velez, a Partnership Assistant, explained that they were working with the town hall to see that Pine Level residents receive their surveys from the Census Bureau. She said it was very important that surveys are returned so residents can be counted. A second representative, Louis Humphries, explained that only 30-49% of Pine Level residents returned their surveys during the last census, and that was a very low count. Ms. Velez said she was on the phone for much of the day, talking with Billie Twigg in the town hall and her own supervisor, trying to explain the problem that Pine Level has with receiving mail through the Selma post office. She said citizens should ask to see the census workers' badges, or they should call the police and ask to have the people removed. Sal Navarro commented that he called the 1-800 number for the census and received bad information. He said he then called his congressman's office and was told how to handle the situation. He said they should not give out wrong information at the census contact number.

Mayor Holt asked if someone lives at 101 Knollwood Drive, which is a Pine Level location, but they get their mail through the Selma post office, then where are they going to be counted by the census. Ms. Velez said they were working to see that Pine Level would be credited for their residency. Mayor Holt said the census bureau had been holding training sessions locally and they would have a temporary local office inside the Pine Level Fire Station. He said there would be an accurate count only if citizens return the census surveys. Ms. Velez said the fire station would be the place for citizens to go for help if they have any questions.

Mr. Humphries commented that they would like to work with a couple of organizations that might volunteer to help with the census. He said there would only be one shot at an accurate count. Mayor Holt suggested that the scouts might help to spread the word about the census taking place. He said the point is to get the information out so that people will be counted in the census. Ms. Velez said the census bureau would supply the materials. Commissioner Pittman commended Ms. Velez and Mr. Humphries for their presentation on the census.

The board then voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution affirming the town's support and partnership with the 2010 Census program. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Garner
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY CONCERNING SEPARATION ALLOWANCE

A resolution to amend the town's personnel policy to comply with new legislation concerning the separation allowance for law enforcement officers was unanimously adopted. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Gudac
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MOSQUITO GRANT

The board also adopted a resolution to authorize Ray Stuckey to sign paperwork associated with a grant for mosquito spraying, from the NC Division of Environmental Health. A copy of that resolution is also included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Garner
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Holt announced that the April meeting needs to be moved from Monday, April 12th to Tuesday, April 13th. The board voted unanimously to approve rescheduling the meeting.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

The mayor also read a note of thanks from Johnny Littleton, for the flower from the town at the death of his grandmother.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR