

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2009
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, April 13, 2009.

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, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation and Commissioner Garner led the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson
SECOND: Gudac
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03-09-09

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kester Kornegay asked about progress on the new water tank and water lines. The mayor said those items should come up later on the agenda. Frank Wood announced that a fundraiser would be held this weekend at Hinnant Vineyards, called "Shaggin' at the Vineyards," to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Johnston County. He said he had tickets available for anyone who might be interested. Mayor Holt said it was always good to support the local businesses.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going okay. Considering budget needs.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Soccer and softball underway. Scottie Hayes, Ray Stuckey working on new park project. Recreation Committee members worked at park, planted bushes, painted, etc. Everything looks much improved. Terry Rains asked if all the new fields would be lighted. Commissioner Anderson said the two small fields would be lighted. He also asked if the traffic could be halted on Crescent Street when games are being held. Commissioner Anderson said the traffic problem was not as bad as in prior years. She said a new concession stand is planned for the new section of park, along with bathrooms, and that should cut down on going back and forth across the street. Commissioner Gudac said that Crescent Street is a town street and it could be closed if necessary for safety reasons.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Problem with alarm at eastside pumping station not going off as it should have. Caught problem in time and repaired float system.

FINANCE: Mayor Holt. Reviewing budget figures. Received word from county about increase in sewer charges. Dan Simmons said he would review the increases and see how they would affect the town's rates. Mayor said treatment charges up last month also. Commissioner Gudac said he was not aware of that. Also looking at health insurance rates for employees. Blue Cross Blue Shield proposal called for a 30% increase in premiums. Budget amendments for current year in agenda packets. Board unanimously approved the amendments, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Frank Wood reported that he completed work on the property transfer for the water tank on Oliver Street, and he said he made contact with a firm that could provide bond counsel for the water tank project, Williams Mullen. Mr. Wood said that type of legal work is usually very expensive. He said the attorney's name would be Charlie Steele. Dan Simmons pointed out that the expenses could be included in the tank project and the town could get reimbursed for the legal expenses. Mayor Holt asked if they needed a motion to employ William Mullen, Commissioner Gudac asked if Mr. Wood recommended them. Mr. Wood agreed and the board unanimously approved Williams Mullen to provide bond counsel for the water tank project.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

Dan Simmons then reported that he would be having surgery this week in Chapel Hill and would be out for a few weeks. He said to contact Billy Dixon at O'Brien and Gere in his absence. He advised the board that bids were received on the waterline project to serve Custom Assemblies, with certified bid tabulation results as follows:

1.	Seaside Environmental	224,000.00	219,425.00
2.	Blackmon Contracting	228,755.00	222,655.00
3.	Corbett Contracting	230,775.00	226,505.00
4.	RD Braswell Construction	245,362.25	239,262.25
5.	TA Loving Company	253,670.00	252,145.00
6.	Hendrix-Barnhill	265,325.25	257,395.25
7.	SELCO	279,790.00	273,690.00
8.	Ormond Utilities	294,300.00	288,200.00
9.	Utilities Plus	316,826.36	321,401.36

Billy Dixon recommended that the town award the contract to the lowest bidder, Seaside Environmental. He said he checked references on them and did not receive any negative comments on their work, but he found out they do good work and they are reliable. Dan Simmons said money was in place for this project, from the Rural Center and

CDBG, and they recommended awarding of the bid to Seaside. Commissioner Gudac moved to accept the bid from Seaside and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Garner wanted to take a few minutes to scrutinize the bids and asked for a brief recess for that purpose.

In the meantime, Kester Kornegay asked about progress on the water tank. Dan Simmons said plans were complete and were submitted to the state. He also said the town should not need to renew the water tank maintenance contract for a period of 3-5 years. He said that a used tank would be allowed as an alternative, but it would have to meet the specifications of a new tank. He said Johnston County did that and saved about \$70,000 on their last tank project. Kevin Kornegay asked when should the waterline project get underway. Billy Dixon felt it would be the end of May or early June.

The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m. and the board voted unanimously to award the bid to Seaside Environmental for the 12" water line to Custom Assemblies. Mayor Holt signed the Notice of Award for the project, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO AWARD BID TO SEASIDE: Gudac

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

Dan Simmons also advised the board that the town's storm drainage grant has been awarded, although it has not been funded yet.

POSTAL SERVICE

Mayor Holt reported that he talked with Dawn Lambert about the postal issue. Ms. Lambert is a boundary specialist out of the Greensboro office. She requested a list of in-town residents who get their mail on a Selma rural address and a map of the proposed two-mile ETJ area, should the town elect to extend the ETJ to two miles. The mayor said Ms. Lambert had been the most helpful contact thus far, in the bid to eliminate Selma addresses within the city limits of Pine Level. Terry Rains commented that a new carrier would not be necessary and they could just move the postal carrier from Selma to Pine Level. Mayor Holt said he would remain in contact with Ms. Lambert.

HARBOR FUNDING REQUEST

The board then heard from Keri Christensen, executive director with HARBOR. She provided a 2008 summary of the services they had provided. She said they were requesting \$500 from the Town of Pine Level to support their work. She said they already received a 9% cut in state funding and that anything the town would contribute would be greatly appreciated. She thanked the town for their support in past years. Commissioner Gudac said he attended the HARBOR ball for the first time this year, and it was very enjoyable. Ms. Christensen said it was one of their two big fundraisers and they made about \$20,000 from the ball and from the annual horse show. Mayor Holt advised Ms. Christensen that the town would certainly consider her request and would provide help to them if at all possible.

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF JOHNSTON COUNTY

Next the board considered a proclamation from Heidi Berge, coordinator for Partnership for Children of Johnston County, naming the week of April 19-25th as the "Week of the Young Child" in the Town of Pine Level. The board unanimously approved the proclamation, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

AMENDMENT TO IDENTITY THEFT POLICY

The board then voted unanimously to amend Section IV. A. (1.) and (2.) of the town's Identity Theft Policy to require the identification of new accounts by a driver's license or *other state or federal issued picture identification*. Frank Wood said the amendment just tweaked the language concerning identification on new accounts, which is normally done with a picture ID.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING ON FUNDING FOR TOWN HALL

The board then voted unanimously to add a required public hearing on funding for a new town hall to the meeting's agenda, as advertised on March 25th in *The Kenly News*.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

Mayor Holt opened the hearing at 7:50 p.m. He said the purpose of the hearing was to authorize the town to seek financing for the construction of a new town hall. Dan Simmons said the project was estimated at 1.3 million dollars. Kester Kornegay commented that the town should go for it. Mayor Holt said it was a formality at this point, but the town was just saying it has a building project under consideration and they want to look at alternatives for funding it. Kevin Kornegay asked if there were any plans to review; the board said they were available in the lobby. There being no further comment, the board voted unanimously to close the hearing.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor pointed out that Town Hall Day is to be hosted on May 6th by the Town of Clayton, at the Clayton Center. He asked who would be attending the event; all five board members will attend Town Hall Day.

Commissioner Gudac announced that his son is in the 250th Heavy Brigade and they will be holding a Departure Ceremony tomorrow at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, before they ship out to go to Iraq. He invited everyone to attend the ceremony and he asked everyone to pray for the safety of American soldiers.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

MOTION: Anderson
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR