

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010

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 Tuesday, April 13, 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, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Pittman gave the invocation and Commissioner Garner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. The board then voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

ADDITIONS:

DELETIONS:

9. A. Amendment to resolution approving financing of town hall (JH)
9. B. 2010 Census (PP)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Gudac

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03-08-10

MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor opened the floor for comment on non-agenda items. Kester Kornegay asked about the process of smoke testing, and if the town had located any problem areas for infiltration. Ray Stuckey answered that they found several holes in the lines and sewer caps missing, many of which were located in ditches, where a lot of water could infiltrate the lines. Commissioner Pittman said it would be an on-going process to find the damaged areas and repair them. Mayor Holt said the town was working on the problem of infiltration.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Sal Navarro reported that the Planning Board met with Susan Woodard concerning the JC Voluntary Agricultural District ordinance, and would take up the issue once again at their next meeting. Mayor Holt noted that the PL Seniors would meet this week also.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going well. Covers have been installed on dump trucks. Also purchased a trailer for the public works department.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Spring sports getting underway. Pre-season baseball tournament opened last night. Park improvements will be ready for spring sports. July Fourth planning underway. Commissioner Pittman asked about the date for fireworks this year; Mayor Holt answered that the fireworks would be held on July 5th. Mayor Holt asked if the hole in left field has been repaired on the ball field; Ray Stuckey said it has been fixed.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Working to repair sewer leaks. Many people working on yards and putting out debris; asked what would be the earliest time that the town picks up debris that is beside the street. Commissioner Garner answered that 7:00 a.m. would be the earliest time. Ray Stuckey reported that a lot of steel has come in at the water plant; Dan Simmons said the new tank should start going up next week. Commissioner Garner asked when the old tank would come down; Dan Simmons answered that it would be taken down after the new tank is up.

POLICE: Commissioner Gudac. Things going smoothly. Armed robbers convicted on felony charges for robbery at the Dollar General store. All the charges were federal charges, which carry more weight. Police department did a good job wrapping up that case, in collaboration with the feds. Chief at JC law enforcement appreciation supper tonight. Dept. did a mini project during school spring break; everything went well. No problems detected. Talking once again about ordinance to control use of golf carts. Receiving many complaints about juveniles driving them on town streets. Chief working once again on regulations; should have something ready for next meeting. Will also include town attorney in discussions.

FINANCE: Mayor Holt. Reviewed cash statement. Had to set up separate funds for town hall and water tank projects. Commissioner Pittman asked if water tank account would draw interest; Dan Simmons said you could not draw interest on that money. Mayor also noted budget amendments for 2009-2010.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Mayor Holt reported that the resolution that the board adopted at the last meeting to approve financing for the town hall project with KS Bank, would need to be amended so that everything would be agreeable with the Local Government Commission. Frank Wood explained that the town could borrow less than \$500,000 to purchase the building without LGC approval, but if they got all the money upfront, then LGC approval would be required. He said the resolution could be amended to take out the language for renovating the building and the dollar amount should be changed to \$255,000. Mr. Wood said it might slow the process just a little but it would help down the road. Dan Simmons added that you could not get approval from the LGC until bids are in-hand, and that could be July or August. The board voted unanimously to amend the resolution as advised by the town's attorney, for the purchase of the building and to borrow \$260,000 upfront. A copy of the amended resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

CENSUS 2010

Commissioner Pittman stated that hats and tee shirts from Census 2010 were available in the town hall lobby. He said many had already turned in their surveys; the clerk said Pine Level had already surpassed the response from the last census in 2000. Commissioner Pittman asked if Pine Level could require all new residents to have a Pine Level

address? Commissioner Gudac said he fought this issue for many years when he was with the fire department. He said that 9-1-1 addressing had numbered the entire county, giving a different address to each 5.28 feet. Mayor Holt said the town attorney might have to look into the issue, Frank Wood said he would do some research.

NCLM MUNICIPAL ENVIR. ASSESSMENT COALITION PROJECT

The board then considered an agreement to participate in the North Carolina League of Municipalities Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Project. The cost for Pine Level would be a total of \$250. Dan Simmons advised that it would be a good idea at that rate, because new EPA rules concerning stormwater discharge will be much more strict than in previous years. The board voted unanimously to participate in the coalition project. A copy of the agreement is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

ETHICS TRAINING

Mayor Holt noted that ethics training would be held in Smithfield on April 20th at the Aquatic Center, if any of the board members wished to attend.

AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

The board voted unanimously not to approve a First Amendment to Wireless Communications Management Agreement with Utility Service Communications Company, Inc. The original agreement was approved in 2000. Commissioner Gudac said the town never received any revenue from the original agreement.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Mayor Holt said the board should have tentative budget figures ready for review at the next meeting on May 10th. He said next year's budget might be a lean one, with the tank construction and town hall renovations.

FIREWORKS CERTIFICATION

The mayor announced that about eight people went to participate in pyrotechnics class, to become certified to shoot the town's fireworks program on July Fourth. Four of the attendees were town employees, who would be covered under the town's workers' comp insurance. The others were firemen, who would not be covered under the town's workers' comp insurance. The town also has liability insurance to cover damages. He said there was some question now about liability and the fire department wants the town to release them from any liability from shooting the fireworks. He said that it has not been an issue in the past, but with last summer's fireworks tragedy, it is more involved this year. The question also arose about how much it would cost to hire the fireworks company to handle the fireworks display. Commissioner Anderson said there are two new ball fields now located where the fireworks have previously been set up. Mayor Holt said the decision needs to be made rather quickly about exactly who will handle the fireworks. Greg Johnson, fire department president, said that Zambelli might even rent or lease an electronic firing board for the fireworks, which would make it much safer for the people who would be firing them. Mayor Holt said he would talk with Zambelli and get some answers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Anderson said she was still working to find playground equipment for the Pine South lot, and she said that the town is keeping the lot mowed too. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR