



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 08, 2017
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, May 08, 2017 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

 COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 X COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER
 X COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER
 X COMMISSIONER PHIL PITTMAN
 X MAYOR JEFF HOLT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Will Barham, Consultant Dan Simmons, Planning Board Chairman Randy Jones, Police Chief Keith Sparks and Lt. Ashley Woodard, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt asked Commissioner Baker to give the invocation and the mayor then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that Commissioner Anderson was out of town on business.

AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

MINUTES: 04-10-17, 04-27-17

MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENIORS: Group meets this Wednesday. Mayor said town board is responsible to feed them lunch in August.

PLANNING BOARD: Mayor pointed out that the Planning Board has been working on revising and updating the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance and they have recommended that a required public hearing be held in June on the amendments they will propose for both ordinances. The board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing at their regular meeting on Monday June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Baker
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

STREETS: Commissioner Baker said he talked with Ray Stuckey about an issue with a ditch at the home of WH Woodard, Jr. He talked with Scottie Hayes about an issue with a burned out mobile home on Mr. B Street. He said Scottie talked with the owner earlier today and she is trying to sell the mobile home. He thanked both men for taking care of those issues.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Everything okay. Warmer weather coming up, more people out walking and getting around. Chief Sparks said the department may hold more checkpoints. Commissioner Pittman said the increased police presence on Blanche Street has helped out with the speeding problem.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Men are still doing a great job. There have been a few water line breaks lately, trying to stay on top of that.

RECREATION: Scottie Hayes reported that baseball is underway and will run until June. He has not heard back from the fireworks vendor, on whether or not he would have someone to handle the town's fireworks on July Fourth. He said it was contingent upon the guy passing the pyrotechnics schooling. Mayor Holt urged Mr. Hayes to go ahead and get that nailed down, since the Fourth is quickly approaching.

FINANCE: Mayor Holt mentioned that he has a contract from Andrew Harris CPA, to perform the town's audit at June 30, 2017, at the stated price. The board voted unanimously to approve the contract.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

The mayor went on to say the administrative staff has been looking into pursuing a link on the town's website where residents could pay their bills on line or by telephone, at no cost to the town. He said the program would work with the town's billing software and the fee would be added and paid by the customer at the time of paying their bill. He asked if the board would be interested in providing that service and the board voted unanimously to pursue that proposal. He said the fees would need to be spelled out plainly, in no uncertain terms, so customers would understand what they were paying.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Baker
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

FIRE DEPT: Brandon Barbee reported they would hold their "Fire Prevention and Education Day" this Saturday, May 14. He said they would give away hot dogs and make it a community event. The Ladies Auxiliary will have flower sales and there will be fire prevention exhibits for kids, plus CPR demonstrations and tours of the station. Mayor Holt thanked Brandon for the report and he encouraged folks to go out Saturday and support the Fire Dept.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Town Attorney Will Barham said he was awaiting further development on the water/sewer project and USDA loan. He also reminded the board of an upcoming training event for planning/zoning. The town clerk said two have signed up so far for the seminar.

Mayor Holt asked about getting prison labor to help out with issues in town. He felt it would be beneficial to the town to get their assistance. Ray Stuckey said they did not want to go on private property when they were here before. Commissioner Garner said he had talked with someone about getting some help for the town. The mayor said they could help out at the park, on the streets, with drainage, etc. Ray Stuckey said they better check with the railroad first, the mayor said he would handle the railroad people. Commissioner Pittman said the trains block all the crossings in town and just sit there on the tracks. Mayor Holt said erosion is going to close the tracks if they are not careful.

BUDGET

Mayor Holt announced that he and the clerk have been working on the upcoming budget, and he felt it would be best to schedule a session to just talk budget issues. He recommended that the board recess the meeting tonight and meet later in the month. The board settled on May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING RECESSED

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was recessed until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR