

**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MAY 18, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Holt called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners back into session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 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**

Police Chief Keith Sparks, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

**BUDGET**

The mayor said the purpose of this session was to discuss the upcoming budget for 2009-2010. He said the board members had a balanced budget before them, with no property tax increase. He mentioned that the county was going up on sewer treatment and water capacity fees and the town would have to pass along those increases. He noted that Powell Bill money was projected to be down eleven percent. The recreation department revenues and expenditures are new to this year's budget, as well. He announced that the board members had all agreed to waive their compensation for the next twelve months, in an effort to help out in a tight year. He also said that two- percent salary increases were included in the budget for regular employees. Commissioner Garner said that showed that the town was frugal with the taxpayers' money, since other towns are giving no salary increase this year. The mayor said an appropriation of \$50,000 was set aside as a contribution to the fire department to match the \$.07 fire tax paid by out of town fire district residents. Mayor Holt pointed out that no new big ticket equipment items were included in the budget, and that two vehicles would be paid off a few months early in the current fiscal year, taking about \$10,000 out of the new budget.

The clerk pointed out that the water tank project, water line, and proposed town hall are yet to be added to the budget. Mayor Holt said the water line is to be funded largely by grant money and the water tank project is getting closer to being let out for bids, but payments would probably not come due in the proposed budget year. Commissioner Pittman noted that user fees could be changed at any time, but the tax rate could not be changed. Mayor Holt commented that garbage fees probably need to go up. He said the town needs to set money aside toward the purchase of another garbage truck, as well as to recoup some of the increases in maintenance costs, gas, etc. Commissioner Gudac felt the county was going to go up on landfill fees this year too. He said an increase of \$2.00 was probably necessary. Commissioners Pittman and Garner said the town had the same problem last year, with not getting timely information from the county. Commissioner Pittman agreed that large equipment purchases such as a garbage truck hit the town hard, and money needs to be set aside for such a purchase in advance. Mayor Holt said he agreed with the increase as well. He said the town picks up not only garbage, but also recyclables and yard wastes and whatever else is placed beside the street. Commissioner Garner pointed out that yard wastes should not be mixed in with regular garbage. Commissioner Gudac reiterated that recyclable items need to be kept out of the garbage and it would help keep garbage collection costs down. The board agreed that more emphasis needs to be placed on recycling and educating the public about the savings. The mayor questioned the board members feelings about the proposed garbage rate increase. The board voted unanimously to include an across the board \$2.00 increase in garbage rates starting July 1st.

*MOTION:* Gudac

*SECOND:* Pittman

*VOTE:* unanimous

Commissioner Gudac commented that the town should send something out to residents to encourage recycling and advising them not to co-mingle garbage and yard wastes. The mayor stated that the garbage fee increase and the water and sewer increases from the county would be included in the final budget document and the board could hold a public hearing at the June meeting. He also said that he and Commissioner Anderson have a conflict with the June 8th date, so the June meeting was rescheduled for June 15th at 7:00 p.m. The board voted unanimously to call for a budget public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the regular meeting. Commissioner Gudac said copies of the budget would be ready ahead of the meeting, for anyone who would like to come by and review the budget prior to the meeting.

*MOTION:* Gudac  
*SECOND:* Anderson  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*MOTION:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Gudac  
*VOTE:* unanimous

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**