



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF RECESSED
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 1, 2013
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called a recessed meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners back into session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Consultant Dan Simmons, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

BUDGET ADOPTION

Mayor Holt stated that this session was held to consider adopting a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. He said the State of North Carolina has still not adopted the state budget, so there are no answers yet about the reimbursements from the state that are in question. He reported that he had breakfast with the mayors of Johnston County towns and local legislative representatives, and they seemed comfortable that the revenues from the state are safe at the present. He said the other towns have adopted their budgets as if they would be receiving the regular reimbursements from the state. He also said that the governor's budget proposal does not include cuts in the towns' revenues, since he was a former mayor himself. Mayor Holt recommended adopting the budget with the assumption that the revenues would be received. He also mentioned that general statutes allow three exceptions for a town to change its tax rate after the budget is adopted, which include a situation where you do not receive the budget revenues that you have anticipated, and also, if the state orders a town to increase its tax rate. The clerk asked how that would work after the county has already done the town's tax billing. Commissioner Garner added that the town is sound enough to operate for a while anyway. The mayor also recommended leaving the fire department contribution at \$65,000, since the county has voted to allow them to retain the penny fire tax increase for one more year. He commented that the town is not experiencing significant growth at the present, and he said the board tried to hold fees down as much as possible with the proposed budget. Commissioner Gudac asked about equipment pay-offs, but the most recent truck and car purchases have just been paid off. He also asked about the sewer pump repairs; Ray Stuckey said the parts have been ordered. The board then voted unanimously to adopt the proposed budget as presented. A copy of the budget ordinance is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

GENERAL METALS REQUEST

Mayor Holt explained that the businesses on the northern side of the railroad track want to get service from Time Warner Cable, but there is no service on the north side of the tracks. He said they have requested permission for Time Warner to put a repeater on the top of the town hall, a small box that should not be obtrusive. He said it would be at no expense to the town. Commissioner Gudac said he had no problem with it. Commissioner Anderson said to remind the General Metals people to support the town's recreation raffle in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS

The mayor commented that the regular July meeting will fall on Thursday, July 11th. Commissioner Pittman said the Seniors group has their lunches covered until the October meeting. Commissioner Pittman also said that since the Woman's Club building is being sold, he went down and got various scrap books from them and the books are at the town hall for anyone to review. Ray Stuckey asked what project is underway on US Hwy. 70-A, which appears to be a resurfacing of the highway. He said he wanted to stay on top of it and see that the manholes and valve covers are handled appropriately.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:21 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR