



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 08, 2019
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, July 08, 2019 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Attorney Will Barham, Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt asked Commissioner Pittman to give the invocation and Terry Rains to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting. The mayor later commented to Mr. Rains on the recent loss of his mother, Mrs. Mina Gray Rains, and he extended thoughts and prayers to the family.

AGENDA

MOTION TO ADOPT: Baker
SECOND: Anderson-Miller
VOTE: unanimous

MINUTES: 06-10-19

MOTION TO APPROVE: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson-Miller
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUBDIVISION/ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor Holt then opened a required public hearing on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, said hearing having been advertised on June 19 and June 26 in *The Johnstonian News*. He explained that amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance would require under Checklist Page A1-2 that all easements be shown on existing or newly platted lots, under Checklist Page A1-3 a copy of a storm water drainage plan, and charge per lot fees for major subdivisions that mirror Johnston County fees, currently \$400 per lot, earmarked for parks and recreation; and would amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 602.2(C)9, addressing storm water structures and conveyances and storm water drainage plan. Scottie Hayes commented that Johnston County is currently looking at increasing their fees to \$800 per lot. Commissioner Garner said he was not in favor of the increase. Commissioner Pittman asked if the fees go to the county or to Pine Level. Mr. Hayes said the fees are paid to the town. The mayor then closed the hearing at 7:08 p.m. and Commissioner Pittman moved to accept both proposal A and proposal B on the agenda. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion and discussion ensued. Commissioner Anderson-Miller asked about the proposal to “mirror” Johnston County fees and whether or not the town fees would automatically go up accordingly. Town Attorney Will Barham said the fees would not have to change just because the county changes their fees. Mayor Holt said the town could mirror the current county fees of \$400, but Commissioner Pittman said he favored an increase in the fees to match the county. Commissioner Garner called the question on the motion on the floor and the board voted to approve the amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance by the following vote:

MOTION: Pittman

SECOND: Baker

VOTE: yes – Commissioners Anderson-Miller, Baker, Pittman and Mayor Holt
no – Commissioner Garner

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD: Terry Rains said they did not meet last month, but there was one issue resolved outside of a meeting. Scottie Hayes said the applicant simply withdrew his application and was going back to the drawing board.

SENIORS GROUP: Will meet this Wednesday. Commissioner Pittman reminded everyone that the town is responsible to supply lunch for the group on August 14.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. He said things are moving forward on the water/sewer project. Someone asked about the second well that the town constructed and the mayor said it produced plenty of water but it contained radon. He said the town had been offered another lot if they wanted to try once more.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Cars have been ordered. New officer in attendance tonight, Officer Sean McGovern. He said Officer McGovern has been working hard to learn the ropes and doing a great job. Chief Woodard said the new officer was sworn in on June 5th and he is doing well. He said the grant for new vests should come back soon and he explained that he has been riding over the town once a week with Scottie Hayes, looking for overgrown yards and other problem areas in town and trying to handle those. Mayor Holt welcomed Officer McGovern aboard. He said the town is being more proactive toward problems.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson-Miller. Received positive feedback on July Fourth and the fireworks. Rain earlier that day affected the crowds at the park. Offered kudos to Officer Lee and his handling of a yard sale across the street. Scottie Hayes also thanked the police department for assisting with the Fourth celebration at the park. He said registration is going on for fall sports and a tournament is coming up at the park this weekend. Commissioner Anderson-Miller said the booster sign and park sign are in the process of being updated.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. He said he had twenty more days to go to get a wedding behind him. Ray Stuckey said they were still negotiating on a garbage truck that might be available in September or October of this year, and not 2020. Rear loader might be available for \$164,000; and the service truck is delayed too.

FIRE DEPT: Greg Johnson said they don't have a lot going on at the moment, but they are working on some other activities in the upcoming months.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Town Attorney Will Barham reported that he is working on a couple of items. He also commented that by the "nature of the beast," the town will usually be reactive to issues, since the town is mandated by the legislature in what it can and cannot do. He said a couple of updates to town ordinances are underway.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt said the Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church celebrates 150 years this year and they will have a celebration in conjunction with homecoming activities in October. He said there may be a proclamation to come to observe the milestone. He also said the new preacher at the Baptist Church would like to have a meal and invite the police, firemen, rescue, etc. to thank them for what they do.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to address, the meeting came to an end at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Garner
SECOND: Anderson-Miller
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR