



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 21, 2016
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 Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Baker gave the invocation and Mayor Holt led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Garner
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 06-09-16

MOTION TO APPROVE: Anderson
SECOND: Baker
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor then asked if anyone wished to comment on a non-agenda item. Hearing no comment, he proceeded to recognize one of the town's employees. He presented Officer Alan Lee a certificate from the town, upon his tenth anniversary of employment with the police department, and a gift card. He thanked Mr. Lee for his service with the town and everyone gave Officer Lee a round of applause. He then replied that he appreciated the opportunity to serve with the police department in Pine Level, and that his family had long standing ties in the county.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD: Nester McClain said the Planning Board was not involved with any new issues.

SENIORS GROUP: August will be the month for the town to provide lunch for the Seniors.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Men are doing a good job; Ray Stuckey is getting back into the swing of things. Commissioner Baker is also just coming back from having surgery on his back. Mayor Holt said the plans are to submit a project to USDA for sewer repairs and water line replacement by October 1. Dan Simmons said it would be a two and a half million dollar project.

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Mentioned that garbage truck changed route Wednesday, and he thanked everyone for the fruit basket that was sent to him when he came home from the hospital. Mayor said that water is backing up and ponding in the area near the old Woman's Club building. He thought the railroad should be contacted to take a look at the area. He said the ditches were tiled when the elementary school was renovated and that caused some of the problem, since the closed ditches could not handle as much water as they did when they were open faced. Ray Stuckey said the right of way maintenance agreement might address the issue.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Encouraged citizens to call 9-1-1 if they should see anything that might be the least bit suspicious. Had some radios donated to the town, so the police department will not need to spend the \$25,000 that they were anticipating.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Fireworks went well for July Fourth. Everyone seemed very pleased. Registration is now underway for football, soccer and cheering. Ray Stuckey said one of the recent storms blew the roof off of two dugouts at the park, tore down all the signs, and turned over one of the portable bathroom units. Mayor Holt said to go ahead and see if East Coast Pyrotechnics could handle the fireworks for July 4, 2017. Commissioner Pittman made a motion to not plant Bradford Pear trees on any more town property. Commissioner Baker seconded it and everyone voted in favor of it, except Commissioner Anderson said she would vote against it because she likes Bradford Pear trees. Mayor Holt commented that it would be a good idea to cut down the Bradford Pear trees on the railroad right-of-way and replace them with Crepe Myrtle trees. Commissioner Anderson asked about repairing the memorials at the park, in memory of Jimmy Turner and Bobby Hayes. She said the fountain needs to be repaired. She said she would get together with Scottie Hayes and report back later.

FINANCE: Board unanimously approved final amendments to budget at June 30th. Copies are included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

OVERGROWN YARDS

Commissioner Baker commented that the properties near Ms. Anne Crawford, on the western end of Main Street, are still not being maintained, and amount to abandoned property. Commissioner Pittman said it is the same thing every summer. The mayor asked what could be done. He said the property owner on 70-A has been mowing his property ever since he wrote a letter to him informing him that the town was considering condemnation of his property. He suggested sending a letter to the property owners on West Main Street, perhaps from the town attorney. Mr. Wood said to get him the names, addresses and identify the problems and he would be happy to send letters to the owners. Commissioner Baker said he would get Scottie Hayes to get the names and addresses.

GOR AN FARM ROAD SUBDIVISION

Mayor Holt said the man proposing a new subdivision on Gor An Farm Road, Alan Thornton, was not in attendance. Dan Simmons said he, along with Commissioner Pittman and Ray Stuckey, talked with Mr. Thornton about tying his development into the existing pump station at Pine South. He said Mr. Thornton was working on his annexation request. Mayor Holt commented that the town needs to figure out how to annex the first portion of Pine South Subdivision. He said it would be "win-win" for everybody if they were annexed. Dan Simmons said the board would have to call for a public hearing if Mr. Thornton comes in with his request for annexation.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

The board then considered adoption of a purchasing/procurement policy for the town. Mayor Holt said the police department recently needed such a policy to submit with their grant applications. He felt it would be a good idea to have the policy in place. The board voted unanimously in favor of adopting the policy. A copy is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION: Pitman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mayor Holt said he would contact the DOT about the grading they left on the West Main Street drainage project. He said they spread rocks out and the men cannot mow around it or maintain it. Ray Stuckey said they left tree stumps sticking up too.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt said he just spent ten days in Europe and that he saw a lot of beautiful sites, but he was glad to be home in Pine Level, NC.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Garner
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR