

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2011
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, August 8, 2011 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation. Mayor Holt then asked Scout Bradley Hales to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Holt said Bradley was working toward a scouting merit badge, and he welcomed Bradley and his mother to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: Declaration of Intent to Reimburse (FW)

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 07-11-11

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor then called for comment on non-agenda items. Gary Harper, representing the PL Volunteer Fire Department, commented that the fire department appreciated the town paying to have the front of the fire station repaved. He said the fire department would be glad to help the town in any way possible.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PLANNING: Sal Navarro reported that the Planning Board held a hearing for a conditional use permit for an assisted living facility at Dick Braswell's industrial properties on US Highway 70.

SENIORS: Mayor Holt said the seniors meet this week and the board members are providing their lunch and entertainment for the meeting. He said the Baker School of Dance would participate as well.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. Talking with Renee Price about school traffic, including signs and/or crosswalk, affecting West Brown and North Capps Streets. Looking at overgrown properties, have notified some owners by letter. May have to send certified letters to be sure they receive the notification. Talked with a couple of property owners about blocked vision at intersections, they said they would take care of the problems but have failed to do so. Will keep a check on them. Too much speeding going on in town, need to slow down for safety reasons. School soon will start, traffic issues will resume. Chief to meet with school principal. Department may soon have traffic checks. Many junked cars in town in violation of town ordinance. Anyone who has trouble getting rid of a vehicle should contact the town hall and Commissioner Pittman said he would put him or her in touch with someone who would remove the vehicles. He also advised citizens to watch out for people walking the streets who seem to be out of place and check them out.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. He said he would defer to Dan Simmons for a report on the project to replace the multi-port valve at the water plant. Mr. Simmons displayed a drawing on the valve project. He said they had talked with the manufacturer about backwash rates and they were trying to finalize bid specifications. He commented that they want to make sure the valve is installed and working correctly to alleviate the water problems. Commissioner Gudac asked if the valve would have to be removed if a new filter system is installed; Mr. Simmons said no, it would not, because they had worked out an alternative way to put in the new filter. The mayor said the board could get together quickly to approve the bids when they become available.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Reviewed recreation report; cheerleading, football, and soccer registration underway for fall sports.

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Men working through hot weather, starting an hour earlier in the mornings. No problems at the present.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dan Simmons reported that the town hall is nearing completion. He said the final walk-through should take place on August 17th, and the state engineer Garland Harris should be there. He said the keys should then be turned over to the town for the project. Mayor Holt said they could possibly have the September meeting in the new building. Dan Simmons said the county would not issue a certificate of occupancy until the grounds are completed. The mayor said it was looking good.

Ray Stuckey reported that he had to replace a sewer pump. Hill and Ferencz had a pump available, they installed it and then took the town's old pump to rebuild.

Frank Wood reported more information on the time-share proposal. He said it would cost \$277 to transfer ownership to the town and then would cost \$516 a year for annual fees, or \$42 a month. He explained that every other year the owner is awarded 210,000 points for annual usage. He said a week stay at Myrtle Beach would run about 104,500 points and Disney, 118,000 points, He said the town could use it as a give-away or raffle prize. He felt there would be a learning curve for the first year, in order to get it set up, but it should then be easy to administer. Mayor Holt said it was still a question on how the town could use the timeshare and what would be the tax ramifications for employees. Commissioner Garner asked what if the annual maintenance suddenly went up, for maintenance or whatever reason. Mr. Wood said it could fluctuate and if the fees were not paid, the town would not be able to use the points. Mayor Holt suggested that the board members review the new information from Mr. Wood and be prepared to reach a final decision on the time-share at the September meeting.

Mr. Wood also reported on the Frank George Endowment, which the board approved in July. He said the agreement was thorough and it looked like a good deal for the town in his opinion. He said the town might want to put one person in charge of dealing with the endowment, since there were many provisions in it. Commissioner Garner said the person in charge of finance should be over it. Mayor Holt said the town could now move forward with the endowment.

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO REIMBURSE

Frank Wood then addressed the board concerning a proposed Declaration of Intent to Reimburse. He said the board adopted a similar agreement concerning the town hall project, and it simply stated that the town would reimburse itself after borrowing funds to pay for the multi-port valve project. He said the board would need to fill in the maximum amount of funds that it might expect to borrow for the project. Mr. Simmons said he would want to include an inflated amount that would cover all possibilities, and he suggested \$200,000. With that being said, the board voted unanimously to adopt the Declaration of Intent. A copy is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference. Mr. Simmons said a copy should also be given to the LGC.

MOTION: Gudac

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

MEETING RECESSED

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m. the meeting was recessed until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2011 for the consideration of bids on the multi-port valve project. Commissioner Gudac asked the clerk to send e-mail reminders to the board members concerning the recessed session.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR