



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2013
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, August 8, 2013 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

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation and Commissioner Garner then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved with the deletion of Item #11, "Mayor's Minute."

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 07-11-13

MOTION: Pittman
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holt asked if anyone wished to comment on a non-agenda item. Sal Navarro commented on the recent rainstorms and the resulting flooding. He said the water backed up onto South Peedin Avenue, and he thought it was due to the beavers building a dam upstream in the Quicosin Creek. Mayor Holt said that Charles Wood had spoken to him many times about beavers building a dam in the canal, and that Mr. Wood tried to keep the beavers on the move. He said all the water on that side of town has to drain toward the canal and the railroad tracks. The police chief said they never observed the water over Peedin Avenue. The mayor said a lot of water came down in a short amount of time with those storms. Commissioner Gudac encouraged Mr. Navarro to report such a problem whenever it happened. Commissioner Garner said the beaver dam was probably way up in the field off of the road, near Jerry Crocker's house. Commissioner Gudac said they would check on it. Mayor Holt said the Moccasin Creek drainage board pays out a lot of money every year to keep the beavers trapped in the main stream channel.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Commissioner Pittman said the Seniors Group would meet next week and their flier is up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

STREETS: Commissioner Pittman. Pine Level has had an abundance of rain lately. It's an on-going process to deep the ditches and drains cleared and free of obstructions. Another problem is whose responsibility it is anyway...the town, state, railroad or property owner. It takes a while for the water to recede and flow downstream, although some people don't think there should ever be water standing in the ditches. He said that stop signs have been installed earlier today at the intersection of North Capps Street and West Brown Street, making it a three-way stop. That will hopefully slow down the traffic on Capps Street and help with traffic when school re-opens. Chief Sparks said white lines were also painted on the streets to highlight the new stops.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. Everything okay, cars have had break-downs recently. May need to look at replacing the oldest car in near future. Chief said department may need to go back onto Police-Pak again, since state system is not working out for reporting. School starts back in three weeks, hope to not have traffic problems.

RECREATION: Scottie Hayes reported that sign-up is underway for football, soccer and cheering. Lower response this year for participation. Sprayed park last week for fire ant problems. Should take about a week for it to start making a difference. Mayor asked about porta-potties after the football and soccer seasons. Mr. Hayes said they would do away with them after the ball seasons are over, and bring them back next spring.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Parts arrived and pumps repaired at Pine South pump station. Mayor and Dan Simmons met with Johnston County officials and discussed county line issues. Mayor said they expressed concern over having to pay for repairs to the county's line. He said Princeton has many more water customers than Pine Level and the county could have Pine Level's customers. He said the county is looking at an alternative to their earlier plans for maintenance on the lines. He said they might add a surcharge to the gallons that are purchased, to come up with a fund to pay for repairs on the county line, and then they would take care of all of the repairs. He said the town simply did not want the responsibility of maintaining the county's line, when they are already paying the water usage fees to the county.

The mayor also reported on a meeting with a consultant that the state contracted to contact all of the small towns that will be affected by the Super 70 Highway project. He said that he, Randy Holloman and Commissioner Pittman met with the man and enlightened him on the adverse effect that the roadway project will have on Pine Level. The mayor felt that it was a "done deal" however, and whatever they said would not make a difference.

FIRE DEPT: Greg Johnson said the fire department was involved in a building project, putting a large addition on the fire station.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Town Attorney Frank Wood and Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey said they had no other business to bring up tonight. The town clerk pointed out the 2012-2013 budget amendments from June 30th and the board unanimously approved the amendments.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

Dan Simmons said they had not arrived at a decision on what to do about water lines in town; Commissioner Gudac said they would not be making a decision right now. Mayor Holt said they also talked to the county about the town selling water to Johnston County and they were very interested in that possibility, since they lost the use of the Princeton rock quarry as a water reservoir.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, at 7:25 p.m. the meeting came to an end.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR