



**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 14, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro tem Phil Pittman declared a quorum present and called a regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON  
 COMMISSIONER GREG BAKER  
 COMMISSIONER JIMMY GARNER  
 MAYOR PRO TEM PHIL PITTMAN  
 MAYOR JEFF HOLT (on camping trip with Scout group)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Attorney Frank Wood, Consultant Dan Simmons, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Pro tem Pittman asked Mr. Nester McClain to give the invocation. Commissioner Baker then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Baker  
*SECOND:* Anderson  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 07-10-14**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Anderson  
*SECOND:* Baker  
*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Pro tem Pittman introduced Michelle Denning, candidate for Johnston County Clerk of Superior Court. Ms. Denning said she has been visiting with all of the towns in the county and getting to know the people. She explained that she wanted to become a lawyer from a very young age, and that she just wanted to be able to help people and that she was always committed to public service. She has served on the NC Industrial Commission, and she stands for fairness and justice. She feels that the clerk's office extends far beyond the county courthouse and she explained how skills such as her own are needed in the clerk's office. She asked everyone for their vote and support in November.

Mary Anne Crawford also addressed the board. Her concern was that John Moore's house, which is located behind her own house, has the same address number as she does, but with an "A" behind the number. She wanted to see the numbers changed. She also wanted to have her yard repaired and the fire hydrant replaced, since it was damaged in a prior vehicle accident. She mentioned the house next to hers and said the yard already needs to be mowed again. She said the City of Fayetteville has recently adopted a new policy on the same type of trouble and she thought Pine Level should do something similar. Mayor Pro tem Pittman said he had a good discussion with Ms. Crawford on the phone, and he said that the town fights the same battle every year with overgrown yards. Ms. Crawford then said that the garbage cart at the house next to her has been left beside the street and should be picked up. Mayor Pro tem Pittman said he would look into the issues raised by Ms. Crawford. He thanked her for coming to the meeting to share her concerns.

He then read a thank you note from Kermit and Ethel Anderson, for the town remembering them after their accident and illness. Commissioner Anderson said that both her mother and father are doing much better.

Mr. Nester McClain said he was still hoping to see the sidewalk on South Peedin Avenue.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

SENIORS GROUP: Nester McClain said the senior group should start meeting again in September, on the second Wednesday of the month. Mayor Pro tem Pittman said he was glad to hear that and wished the senior group well.

PLANNING BOARD: The board then considered a recommendation from the Planning Board concerning a subdividing of property, requested by Paul and Wendy Bailey. The Planning Board discussed the request at a special meeting on Thursday, August 7th, and made a recommendation to approve the preliminary plat as a major subdivision for Paul and Wendy Bailey, for property located at 1212 Rains Crossroads Road, with a total acreage of 8.925 acres. The board voted unanimously to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and to approve the preliminary plat. A copy of the recommendation and plat is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference. Mayor Pro tem Pittman thanked Mr. Bailey for attending the meeting.

*MOTION:* Garner

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Ditch on West Main Street has been surveyed and is ready to go. Talked with NCDOT, they are waiting on funding to be approved. Big culvert will be dug out and repaired with concrete, ditch might be tiled. Dan Simmons reported that state had pre-construction meeting on South Peedin Avenue sidewalk project. Bids came in at \$57,000, while the original grant amount was \$90,000. Cost will be more than \$57,000, however, since state will include 15% in reserve and they will receive 15% for grant management, so there will not be excess funds for use elsewhere. Town will not have to pay out any money, though. Construction might get underway next week. Commissioner Anderson said there was a bad drainage problem in front of the park on Hwy. 70-A, that needs to be worked on. Mayor Pro tem Pittman said school is soon starting and buses will be rolling and there are a couple of areas in town where tree limbs will hit the buses. One place is at the intersection across from the Town Market on US Hwy. 70-A.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Recommended the appointment of Mark Holloman to the Recreation Committee. Board unanimously approved appointment as follows. Resolution included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MARK HOLLOWAN  
P O BOX 463  
PINE LEVEL, NC 27568  
TERM TO EXPIRE: 12-31-16  
SEAT NO. 04*

Registration underway for fall sports programs. Park looks better than ever. Need to decide on what to do with old tennis court area. Commissioner Garner suggested taking down the old ball goals, and getting rid of the problem. He said there were kids jumping over the town's fencing and messing it up to get to the ball area. Commissioner Anderson questioned where those kids will go then. Mayor Pro tem Pittman said they could look at it for the next month and see how it goes, and perhaps the police could keep an eye on the area. He asked if Pine Level is applying for any of the county grant money. Commissioner Anderson said that Scottie Hayes is supposed to send in a grant request this week.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. New car doing well, older cars on electronic auction as of today. Hired new guy in police department that has worked with the town as a part time officer for five years. Suggested a review of the Personnel Policy and changing it so that someone like that would not have to wait out the probationary periods to receive town benefits. Frank Wood said he talked about the idea with the mayor and they felt that there could be a provision for an employee that has worked for the town at least two years in a part time position, to receive their benefits in 30 days, instead of 60 days for insurance and six months for retirement. The town clerk asked if Blue Cross Blue Shield would approve a different waiting period than what is required for other employees. Frank Wood said he was not sure about that issue, but they could approve an amendment to the policy, contingent upon approval by BCBS. The board voted to approve that suggestion, Mr. Wood said he would send the wording for the amendment to the town clerk.

*MOTION: Garner  
SECOND: Baker  
VOTE: unanimous*

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Pro tem Pittman. Said he talked with the mayor and they came up with a recommendation on General Metals, since they are involved in an addition to their business and they have asked if the town could help them with some type of relief on fees for water and sewer for their new building. He recommended that a maximum cap of \$4,000 be placed on the fees at their new building. The board voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

*MOTION: Garner  
SECOND: Baker  
VOTE: unanimous*

FINANCE: Unanimously approved budget amendments at June 30th for fiscal year 2013-2014, as reported by the town clerk. A copy of the amendments is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MOTION: Baker  
SECOND: Garner  
VOTE: unanimous*

#### **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FROM JIMMY STARLING**

The board then considered a request from Jimmy Starling for an extension on approval of the final plat for development of Starfield Acres Subdivision. The Starlings were granted a five year extension in 2009, which would expire in October 2014. Mr. Starling said he talked about his request with Frank Wood and he understood why the development could not be "grandfathered" and so he was agreeable with another extension of time. Dan Simmons said the board could simply extend another five year extension for approval of the Starfield final plat. The board voted unanimously to approve the request, giving Mr. Starling an extension until October 2019.

*MOTION: Garner  
SECOND: Baker  
VOTE: unanimous*

Mr. Simmons then asked the board to approve an extension of the financial reimbursement agreement that the Starlings had with the town concerning the sewer pumping station and sewer lines that were constructed to serve Starfield Acres. He said that with the economy being down as it has over the past ten years, that only one person has tied onto Mr. Starling's line and he has not seen much money coming in for reimbursement on his construction costs. He said that the original agreement expired in May 2014 and they would like to request a ten year extension on the reimbursement agreement. Frank Wood said that he went ahead and drew up the paperwork for an extension, which will now expire in May 2024. The board voted unanimously to grant the request. A copy of the agreement is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference. Mr. Starling thanked the board for working with him and he said he realized now what direction he wants to take with his development.

*MOTION:* Anderson

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER GEORGE ACCOUNT FROM WELLS FARGO TO STIFFEL, NICOLAUS AND CO., INC.**

The board voted unanimously to approve a resolution to move money in the Frank George beautification account from Wells Fargo to Stiffel, Nicolaus and Co., Inc. The town clerk reported that Mr. George had moved his accounts there, as had the towns of Princeton, Four Oaks, etc. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MOTION:* Garner

*SECOND:* Anderson

*VOTE:* unanimous

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, at 7:42 p.m. the meeting was adjourned, motion by Commissioner Anderson.

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**