



**A G E N D A**  
**September 11, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of minutes: 08-14-17
5. Public hearing on rezoning request from Johnston County
6. Public comment
7. Reports from committees
  - A. Planning Board
  - B. Other
8. Reports from departments
9. Reports from staff
10. Unfinished business
  - A. Disposition of town property
  - B. Other
11. New business
  - A. Planning Board appointment
  - B. Other
12. Mayor's minute
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment





**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**  
**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, September 11, 2017 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 Will Barham, Consultant Dan Simmons, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Recreation Coordinator Scottie Hayes, and Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

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

**AGENDA**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Garner  
*SECOND:* Pittman  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**MINUTES: 08-14-17**

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Garner  
*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST**

The mayor then opened a required public hearing on a request for rezoning filed by the County of Johnston, said hearing having been duly advertised on August 30th and September 6th in *The Kenly News*. The county has purchased a parcel of land on North Peedin Avenue from Genesis Living Inc., that is approximately .33 acres in size, and they have combined it with the adjacent property that the county already owns where the Northside Sewer Station is located, and they are requesting that the new parcel be rezoned from RH to RA. Mayor Holt said the county has plans to upgrade the sewer station, as part of the town's upcoming water and sewer project. He indicated that the Planning Board already reviewed the request for rezoning and they recommended approval. He said that adjoining property owners were duly notified of tonight's hearing, as certified by the clerk. He asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the request, or anyone had questions concerning the request. He said that Tim Broome was here on behalf of the county, and they were certainly in favor of the request. Hearing no further comment, he questioned the board's pleasure concerning the request, and they voted unanimously to approve the rezoning from RH to RA. The mayor thanked everyone for their assistance with the request and he thanked Mr. Broome for attending the hearing. (Commissioner Anderson in at this point.)

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Baker

*SECOND:* Pittman

*VOTE:* unanimous

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

PLANNING: Mayor Holt said they had one applicant to consider for appointment to the Planning Board, that being James A. (Andy) Medlin, who resides just north of town at 681 PL-Micro Road. He said Mr. Medlin would serve as an ETJ representative and they would recommend him to the county commissioners for appointment to the Pine Level Planning Board. The board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Medlin's appointment. Terry Rains pointed out that Andy would be the only ETJ representative on the board. Commissioner Garner said that Tonia Hill might be interested in serving on the board and he would contact her.

*MOTION:* Garner

*SECOND:* Pittman

*VOTE:* unanimous

The board then agreed to call for a public hearing on a recommendation from the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance by allowing the outdoor display of merchandise in commercial districts, with the addition of a "D" to the Table of Permitted Uses on Page 23, for Development Standards.

*MOTION:* Anderson

*SECOND:* Baker

*VOTE:* unanimous

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

STREETS: Commissioner Baker. Dealing with driveway issue in LaBelle Acres. Exterior of town hall looks extremely dirty and needs washing down; asked Ray Stuckey to address that matter.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Football and cheering programs to start this Saturday. Bathrooms finished at park, except for painting. Scottie Hayes said soccer starts next week, as well. Mayor Holt said he was asked if there could be a "Movie Night" at the park, where people could come out, bring their chairs and enjoy a movie. Brandon Barbee said he could contact Zaxby's about the possibility of a sponsorship.

POLICE: Commissioner Garner. School has started back at Pine Level Elementary. Need to observe safety in the school vicinity. Police dept. doing well with lights, weapons, radios and now tasers.

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Everything going well. Men doing a good job keeping up with water line breaks, etc. Complained about Smithfield Herald throwing out newspapers in residents' yards. Attorney Will Barham said they do have the right to throw out the papers.

FIRE DEPT: Brandon Barbee said the Fire Dept. Reverse Raffle is coming up on November 7; tickets are \$50. Preparing for 9S inspections, will get ISO rating at first of year. Working toward that and trying to get ahead, hopefully rating will come down.

#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Dan Simmons said they were working on the water/sewer project. He met with Ray Stuckey and representatives from the railroad; he said the line under the railroad would not have to be bored out again since they can drop the 6" line down to a 4" line under the RR and then bump it back up to a 6" on the other side, and not lose that flow capacity. Commissioner Pittman asked if that was the only issue with the railroad, but Mr. Simmons said no. He seemed to think however, that the railroad would approve the lines if they send in the plans and show they are replacing the old line.

Will Barham said he attended the recent Board of Adjustment meeting and everything went well.

The town clerk reported that the auditors have recently been working at the town hall, and will hopefully have their report in October.

#### **DISPOSITION OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Mayor Holt said he had nothing to report on the possibility of selling the old dumpsite property on Rains Crossroads Road. He said there was no need to keep it on the agenda, until an offer is made to purchase the property.

#### **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT FUNDING**

The mayor then reported that the town has been selected to receive downtown revitalization grant funding from the Rural Economic Development Division, as authorized under NC Session Law 2017-257, Senate Bill 257, Section 15.8 (a). He said the money must be spent this fiscal year and the application must be submitted by September 15, 2017. He said projects could include the open ditch in the James Drive community, signage to a business district, or sidewalks, etc. He felt the ditch project in the James Drive area would be a good project to submit, since the property owner would participate in the project, and the town could use Powell Bill money for drainage. Commissioner Pittman agreed that would be a worthwhile project, because it is always a source of complaints. Mayor Holt said he would send in that project this week.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

He also made note of the Frank George annual report. He said any citizen, civic group, or church group could apply to use those funds, for projects on public property.

The mayor read a note of thanks from the school staff for the academic calendars that the town gives the staff members each year. He said the town has a good relationship with the local school.

He also read a note of thanks from Mrs. Janice White, who heads up the Pine Level Seniors Group, for the pizza lunch that the town provided for their group in August.

He mentioned the anniversary of September 11, 2001, which was now sixteen years ago, when the Twin Towers in New York City were attacked, as well as the Pentagon and yet another plane which went down in Pennsylvania. He said he was on the road to have a meeting with someone at the Pentagon that day, when he received the call to not come to Washington.

The mayor then read some facts from 2001, such as sports team champions, costs of living, etc.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to address, at 7:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**