

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2011 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, Police Chief Keith Sparks, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The mayor gave the invocation, remembering in particular the events and the losses sustained on 09-11-01. He then asked Commissioner Pittman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: 10. C. OBSERVING HALLOWEEN (JH)
10. D. TOWN HALL (JH)

MOTION TO ADOPT: Pittman
SECOND: Anderson
VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08-08-11, 08-22-11

MOTION: Anderson
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Fall sports underway with four football teams, three cheerleading squads, five soccer teams. Tournament held at the park this past weekend.

STREETS: Mayor Holt said the street department has been busy picking up storm debris left from Hurricane Irene. Paving has been completed; new transmission was required in one of the trucks.

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Holt said the valve work has been held up for fittings to come in. Dan Simmons said the parts would be shipped Friday and Mizzelle would be ready to start right away. The mayor said he talked with the county manager about the town using county water and he asked about some sort of relief on the billing for water used.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. Police chief said they had re-worked the Brown and Pilkington Street intersection, making it a one-way stop instead of a three-way stop and installed 20 MPH signs on Brown Street. Police officers working school intersection in mornings and afternoons. Chief thanked Baptist Pastor, Dannie Hayes, for invitation to 09-11 services Sunday.

FINANCE: Mayor noted budget amendments from June 30th. Auditor working at town hall this week and last week.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

PROPOSAL FOR TIME SHARE

Mayor Holt asked the board members how they felt about the proposal to give the town a recreational time-share. He said it was an unusual offer, that property is usually located within the town limits. He said it was allowable for various uses but it does cost a fee each year. He said the board could choose to do nothing at this time. Commissioner Pittman suggested letting the recreation department use it as a one-time raffle prize, but the mayor said he didn't know if the owners would be agreeable to that idea. Commissioner Anderson asked about an employee using the time-share; Frank Wood said that would raise an issue of whether or not it was taxable for the employee. Commissioner Anderson thought it would turn out to be a headache for the town. Mayor Holt said he could let the owner know that the town is not interested at this time, but the other commissioners might not agree with that. Frank Wood said they could just take it off the agenda and take no action on the offer.

DISPOSAL OF OLD TOWN HALL

The mayor then reviewed different methods the town could employ to dispose of real property. He said there was private negotiation, sealed bids or a public auction and the town could reserve the right to reject any or all bids. He said they need to decide what method to use and when they would want to get rid of the building, maybe later in the year. Dan Simmons suggested waiting until February or March of 2012, allowing plenty of time to move and clear out the contents. Frank Wood said that would give the public more time to think about it and maybe, to make an offer on the building. The mayor advised board members to think about it for another month. Commissioner Pittman said he could talk with Donny Crocker about appraising the old town hall.

MOCCASIN CREEK SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD

Mayor Holt commented that Dick Braswell, who has been Pine Level's representative, wants to be an at-large member on the board. He asked if any of the board members were interested in serving on the board. Since they were not, he said he would agree to serve on the board to represent Pine Level, and he directed the clerk to submit his name to Johnston County.

HALLOWEEN

The board agreed for kids to celebrate Halloween on the regular night, Monday, October 31, 2011, and that trick or treating would take place from 6-8 p.m.

TOWN HALL MATTERS

Mayor Holt said the county issued a Certificate of Occupancy for the new town hall at 306 East Brown Street. He said he hoped to hold the board's first meeting there in October. He said the move might have to take place over a weekend. The police chief said that Time Warner was planning to switch phone lines as of September 19th. The mayor suggested to "go live" at the new location Monday, September 26th.

He also asked about an open house at the new facility. He suggested having it along with a meeting night, perhaps in October. He said they could invite county commissioners and have some refreshments. Commissioner Anderson thought that might be a bit too early, so the mayor said early November would be fine.

He asked about private citizens making a donation to the new town hall, perhaps in memory or in honor of a loved one. Dan Simmons pointed out that in Clayton, their town hall has whole rooms furnished by donors. Commissioner Pittman said they would need to make the public aware and be sure that things were done tastefully.

Dan Simmons said the parking lot looks good, but that wheel stops need to be installed along the side of the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor commented on a thank you note from Commissioner Pittman, who recently had minor surgery. He then said he would like to add an item to future agendas, called "mayor's minute," in which he would share something of historical significance from Pine Level's past. He went on to share details from an incident that took place January 2, 1957, wherein an Edgerton man attempted to break into the Pine Level bank. He was captured by the police, armed only with a screwdriver. He reportedly had one dollar on him at the time of his capture.

The mayor noted that J. L. Bailey, former town commissioner and zoning officer, recently passed away. Commissioner Anderson also commented that Frances Kornegay passed away unexpectedly.

Dan Simmons said he had to work on the town hall project and figure what money is left to spend and set a closing date with the USDA.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pittman

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR