

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 2011 at the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

 X COMMISSIONER KAREN ANDERSON
 X COMMISSIONER 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 Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Town Clerk Sharon Thompson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation and Commissioner Pittman then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: 10. A. Resolution of Intent relative to S. Peedin Ave. (JH)
 10. B. Memorabilia Day at Town Hall (PP)

MOTION TO ADOPT: Gudac

SECOND: Anderson

VOTE: unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10-10-11

MOTION TO ADOPT: Pittman

SECOND: Garner

VOTE: unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor then asked if anyone wished to comment on non-agenda items. He first recognized Sal Navarro. Mr. Navarro said he heard complaints from a lot of people about the town's drive-up window, and the fact that you can't drive up close enough to reach the window. Mayor Holt said it was built to specifications and the curbing was necessary to keep vehicles from hitting the building. He said he talked with the clerk about checking with the manufacturer to see if the drawer could be altered to extend further out. Dan Simmons said the curb was based on the specifications that came with the window. Mr. Navarro also asked about the minutes on the website. He said they had not been updated since August. Kester Kornegay asked about the water valve project and how it turned out financially. Mayor Holt said they would discuss that later in the meeting, but he thought it worked out okay and they were working on replacing the filter now. Commissioner Anderson commented that the night deposit needs instructions on it, because several people have asked her how to work it. Commissioner Gudac stated that it does have a light over it now. The clerk said the night deposit is sometimes hard to work and they have shown several people how to use it. Mayor Holt thanked everyone for their comments.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from the Planning Board or Seniors Group, and Mayor Holt said the November meeting of the Moccasin Creek Drainage Board was cancelled for lack of business.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Gudac. Said he talked with residents on Knollwood Drive and the issue with black water has not shown up. Dan Simmons said the valve project was accomplished with only one change order, due to the old pipe. He said the project came in just over budget, at about \$15,800. He said Ray is now backwashing three times a week instead of two, as he did before, and it appeared to be clearing up the water. He said the new pumps are more efficient and working good. He also said that water usage in town dropped 25,000 gallons a day after the valve was replaced. He said it was a savings for the town all the way around.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Recommended the appointment of Keno Jones to the Recreation Committee. Commissioner Gudac asked where is Wedgewood Lane where Mr. Jones resides; the clerk said it is in Clearview Estates S/D. The board unanimously approved his appointment to the Recreation Committee. A copy of the resolution appointing Mr. Jones is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO APPOINT: Garner

SECOND: Pittman

VOTE: unanimous

Commissioner Anderson said winter sports are getting underway, with ten teams aged 4-12 years old. She also said the town's tree lighting would be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at the recreation park, and the Christmas parade would be held on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. with Mrs. Janice White serving as grand marshal this year, since the parade was rained out last year. She said that Scottie Hayes is getting help lined up for the parade, since he is getting married that weekend. She also asked about the parade route for 2011, which was proposed to go straight down US 70A to Cyn-Mar Greenhouses. The board voted to keep the old parade route, which turns at the stoplight and goes down Peedin Avenue.

MOTION: Garner

SECOND: Gudac

VOTE: unanimous

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Everything going okay. Beginning to get leaves up beside the street.

POLICE: Commissioner Pittman. Everything okay with police department.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Frank Wood said he helped with the closing on the new town hall, since the last meeting. Dan Simmons said he assisted Keith Peedin with the audit on the new town hall expenditures.

USE OF DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS

Commissioner Gudac stated that a number of people have asked that the town accept cards for payment on water bills. He said it does cost the town to accept that kind of payment but it is much easier for the customers. He suggested having a representative to come and talk with the town board. The mayor said his business accepts such payments, but it is based on an economy of scale and is dependent on the number of users. He asked if the town might be entitled to relief from fees charged for card payments. Sal Navarro commented that Johnston County charges an additional fee for payments by credit or debit cards. Commissioner Gudac suggested having a representative to come in January. Mayor Holt said they could check with other towns too, and see how many people use that type of payment option. He said sometimes there are other hidden costs if not enough people use the system. Frank Wood suggested checking with the town's bank to see what they offer. Sal Navarro suggested that the town post their agenda on the internet a week earlier, and they might get more people to attend meetings. Mayor Holt said they don't prepare an agenda that early, but it might be a good idea. He agreed to put the payment by card issue on the agenda for January.

APPROVAL OF TURKEY SHOOT EVENTS

The board unanimously approved a motion to allow local civic organizations to hold their holiday fundraising turkey shoot events in town as time constraints permit during the holiday season.

MOTION: Gudac
SECOND: Garner
VOTE: unanimous

RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Next, the board considered a Resolution of Intent presented by Mayor Holt, concerning the drainage and pedestrian traffic on South Peedin Avenue. The mayor said he spoke with Tim Little, Assistant Division Engineer with the NC Department of Transportation about the problems on South Peedin Avenue, and how the town has tried for many years to get assistance from the DOT. He said Mr. Little told him the first step for the town would be to adopt a resolution and identify what the problem is and how the town would like to address it. He said there might be funds available for such a project, but the town would have to participate in it as well. Mayor Holt said they could forward the resolution on to Mr. Little and ask him to report back to the town. A copy of the resolution is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Gudac
SECOND: Pittman
VOTE: unanimous

MEMORABILIA DAY

Commissioner Pittman reported that he would like to hold a Memorabilia Day on Monday, December 12th at the town hall, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. He said he would be available at the town hall during those times, to accept items from Pine Level's past, for display at the town hall. He said citizens could call him if they could not arrange to come during those hours, and he gave his cell number 464-5143. Commissioner Garner said any of the board members could be contacted, as well.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Holt displayed an ordinance book from 1947 and read several of the town's old ordinances, which were quite humorous. He said that Ed Louis White was mayor at that time.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:42 p.m.

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR