

Mayor
Jeff Holt

Mayor Pro-Tem
Greg Baker

Board of Commissioners
Jimmy Garner
Phil Pittman
Bill Radford



Town Clerk
Connie N. Capps

Police Chief
Ashley Woodard

Public Works Supt.
Ray Stuckey

Rec. Coordinator
Scottie Hayes

**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING
JUNE 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Holt called the regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

- ✓ Mayor Jeff Holt
- ✓ Commissioner Greg Baker
- ✓ Commissioner Jimmy Garner
- ✓ Commissioner Phil Pittman
- ✓ Commissioner Bill Radford

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Ashely Woodard, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, Assistant Clerk Ashley Willoughby, Consultant Marla Ashworth, and Town Clerk Connie Capps.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Brannan Barbee, Fireman Zack Peele, and Terry Rains

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Invocation: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Pledge: Terry Rains

AGENDA

Mayor Jeff Holt stated he would like to amend the agenda to add:

- (1) a brief closed session to discuss property acquisition GS143.318.11 Subsection 5.
 - (2) Discussion to consider the post poning of the Municipal Elections
- Motion to approve: Commissioner Jimmy Garner
Second: Commissioner Greg Baker
Vote: Unanimous

MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2021

Motion to approve: Commissioner Phil Pittman

Second: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Phil Pittman stated the Seniors were not meeting at this time, but hopefully they will be able to restart this Fall. He said it was a great program for the Seniors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water/Sewer

Commissioner Phil Pittman gave an update on the Water & Sewer Project and said everything was on schedule.

STREET

Commissioner Pittman reported that Johnston County is not actively giving the town a place to dump recyclables, therefore everything is going into the landfill. He said his recommendation would be to pick up recycling with the garbage on Wednesdays. The board agreed, due to the cost of the extra trips to the landfill. Commissioner Jimmy Garner seconded the motion. Mayor Holt asked for any discussion on the matter. After some discussion, the board agreed to suspend the collection of recyclables on Mondays, and effective on July 5th the town will pick up recyclables with the garbage on the residents designated garbage day. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Holt ask Supt. Ray Stuckey if the town should collect the recycle bins or allow the customers keep them. The board agreed to allow the customers to keep the bins and to continue to use them at curbside with the garbage cart if needed.

Commissioner Greg Baker stated that the guys in the street department are working very hard, and as Ray has been saying for months, the garbage has not slowed down yet. Commissioner Baker said he receives phone calls all the time about what a good job the men are doing.

RECREATION

Commissioner Bill Radford reported all was going good at the park. He stated that Commissioner Pittman, Scottie, and himself had identified the repairs that needed to be made on the roof of the shelters and gazebos and were getting estimates on those repairs. He said that the Recreation Committee would be having a 50/50 raffle very soon but it would not include a dinner.

Commissioner Radford wanted to inform everyone that the Johnston County Public Health Department will be holding a Covid Vaccine Clinic at the American Legion Building in Pine Level on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for first and second doses. He said the vaccines available are Pfizer and Moderna. He stated the vaccines are free. He said the information would be placed on the town's website and Facebook page. He encouraged everyone to receive the vaccine.

POLICE

Commissioner Jimmy Garner reported that the new cars should be here in the next couple of weeks. He also stated that Pine Level School had been chosen to hold summer school this year.

Mayor Holt stated that after the NC Department of Transportation performed a traffic investigation, it would require the board to adopt the following two ordinances:

(1) A Certification of Municipal Declaration to repeal the speed limit of 20 mph on Peedin Avenue (SR 2309) from North Railroad Street (SR 1927) to Brown Street in the city limits of Pine Level.

Motion to adopt the Certification of Municipal Declaration: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

(2) Mayor Holt also stated that the board would need to adopt a Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact the Speed Limit of 25 mph on Peedin Avenue (SR 2309) between US 70 ALT and 0.49 miles North of US 70 ALT.

Motion to adopt the Certification of Municipal Declaration: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

The speed limit shall become effective when the NCDOT has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The ordinances are included and made part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Brannan Barbee reported on the house burn on Saturday, located on East Brown Street. He said they started the burn around 8:00 a.m. and they finished around 11:00 a.m. He said everything went well. He also reported the department responded to 20 EMS calls and 30 fire calls in May.

He said the department was holding a raffle for a deep-sea fishing trip. Tickets are \$25 per ticket or five tickets for \$100. He said the drawing would be held on Monday, July 5th at the park in conjunction with the fireworks.

The Chief stated that everything is set and ready to go for the fireworks on July 5th. Mayor Holt thanked the fire department for their service to the town.

PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Holt stated the board would need to call for two public hearings to be held for the same development at the next meeting which will be on July 12, 2021:

- (1) Rezoning Request for Emily Gardens Subdivision
Motion to call for public hearing: Commissioner Jimmy Garner
Second: Commissioner Bill Radford
Vote: Unanimous

- (2) Special Use Permit for Emily Gardens Subdivision
Motion to call for public hearing: Commissioner Jimmy Garner
Second: Commissioner Bill Radford
Vote: unanimous

Mayor Holt stated the public hearings would be advertised and notifications made as well as signs posted.

REPORTS FROM STAFF- BUDGET

Mayor Holt reported on the high points of the proposed 2021-2022 budget that had been presented. He said the budget includes:

- Salary adjustments for full-time employees and an increase in the hourly rate of the part-time police
- Increase in property, vehicle, and health insurance
- Increase of \$6,000 over what was given to the Fire Department last year
- Increase of \$2.00 on garbage collection fees
- Increase in Recreation fees
- Tax increase of .02 (from .46 to .48)
- Water and Sewer rates are changing a little (due to the increase passed down from Johnston County for transmission and treatment fees)

Mayor Holt said the town has not used any money from Fund Balance in the last three to four years, and has operated from revenues. He said hopefully the town would soon benefit from the stimulus money that many of the towns hope to receive. He said Pine Level could receive \$590,000.00. He said a webinar is being held next week on the requirements that the stimulus money could be used. He said if the money is received after July 1st the board would have to amend the new budget. He said the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is available for review. He stated that a public hearing would need to be held on the budget, and stated that the board could recess this meeting in order to hold a public hearing on another date. Commissioner Jimmy Garner made a motion to

call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Commissioner Bill Radford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The board agreed to recess this meeting until June 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Holt stated the hearing would be duly advertised.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS- Municipal Elections

Mayor Holt asked Attorney Chip Hewett about information concerning the postponing of the 2021-2022 Municipal Elections. Commissioner Garner asked if this could be done due to the filing period begins July 5th. Attorney Hewett recommended to the board to amend the agenda to include this topic as a potential agenda item. After some discussion, Attorney Hewett stated the board would be meeting again on June 28th, and by that time the board would have the information and if any action needed to be taken, it could be done as Unfinished Business at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

The board entered a brief closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss property acquisition as per GS143.318.11.

Motion by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second by: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

No action was taken in the closed session

The closed session ended at 7:50 p.m. and the board re-entered regular session.

Motion by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second by: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

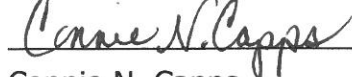
MEETING RECESSED

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was recessed until 5:30 on Monday, June 28, 2021 in order to hold a public hearing on the FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Motion made by: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second by: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous



Connie N. Capps

Town Clerk




Jeff Holt, Mayor