

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 REGUAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 2021 at the Pine Level Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Chip Hewett, Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Recreation/Zoning Adm. Scottie Hayes, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey, and Town Clerk Connie Capps

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Dept. President Greg Johnson, Planning Board Chairman, Randy Jones and Terry Rains

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Holt asked that everyone remember Commissioner Phil Pittman who is in the hospital. Commissioner Greg Baker gave the invocation, and Terry Rains then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Jeff Holt stated he would like to make an addition to the agenda under Committee Reports for Planning Board: to call for a public hearing for BD&T Properties for a rezoning request on Country Store Road to be held on October 11, 2021.

Motion to approve agenda: Commissioner Greg Baker

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

MINUTES: AUGUST 9, 2021

Motion to approve: Commissioner Bill Radford

Second: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

Mayor Holt stated two public hearings would need to be called for and held on October 11, 2021 for the following requests:

- (1) A rezoning request filed by Beth Watson Thomas to rezone Tract 1 of 13.40 acres Parcel#12005036 from (HB) Highway Business and RA (Residential -Agriculture) to HB (Highway Business).
- (2) A rezoning request filed by BD&T Properties to rezone 36.910 acres Parcel#12N11005 from RS (Residential Subdivision) to RH (Residential Housing).

Motion: Commissioner Bill Radford

Second: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Holt stated that the following planning board members terms will expire on October 31, 2021 and they have applied for reappointment:

Randy Jones, Faye Starling, Kevin Kornegay, and Tammy Register. The board recommended Tammy Register to the County for appointment since she resides in the ETJ of Pine Level. Their terms are for three years and will expire on October 31, 2024.

Motion to approve appointments: Commissioner Baker

Second: Commissioner Radford

Vote: Unanimous

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Scottie Hayes reported that football and soccer has started up and tee ball, and baseball will begin next week. He stated that he now has raffle tickets to buy or sell for \$5 each and would appreciate anyone that would like to buy or sell tickets. He also stated that the Recreation Committee meeting date was changed to September 27th due to several conflicts. Mayor Holt stated that there is a concern on not having enough volunteers to help in recreation. He said his suggestion would be to do a better job in recruiting the committee members. Commissioner Bill Radford suggested that the town consider buying equipment to rake/vacuum the ballfields in the summer.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT: Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey reported that three sewer pumps need to be pulled. Commissioner Bill Radford asked what the plan was on the corner of Crescent Street and Oak Street? Ray said they would have to cut the street and take a look at it to see what is going on there. Ray stated that they had previously fixed a leak there.

Mayor Holt stated that about a year ago the town tabled to buy a heavy-duty service truck with a boom on it and crane to pull sewer pumps. He said he had found a used truck in great shape and could purchase less than \$30,000.00. Jeff said he would get with Ray on the details. Mayor Holt asked if the board wanted to proceed? The board agreed the town needed a truck to handle the sewer pumps. Commissioner Jimmy Garner made a motion to move forward on getting a truck, and Commissioner Greg Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET DEPARTMENT- Commissioner Greg Baker asked Ray Stuckey about the potholes by the Southern Bank toward the stoplight. Ray stated that the potholes had been filled in several times, and that he had spoken with the NCDOT concerning this and they suggested to redo all the streets once the water and sewer project is completed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated that he recommended that the board call for a public hearing to be held at the next meeting to (1) to consider reducing the speed limit on town streets (not state roads) and place speed limit signs of 20 MPH on all city streets and (2) to regulate on street parking.

Randy Jones stated that there was an event in his neighborhood this past weekend and there was nowhere for people to park except on the street. He stated if he had an event at his house people would have to park on the street. He said there is no other place to park. He said they did not park overnight. Chief Woodard stated that emergency vehicles and firetrucks are not able to pass through if needed to do so. Chief Woodard also stated that some streets do not have speed limit signs posted. He said that he recommended 20 mph on all town streets unless the town streets are state maintained and those streets will remain at 35 mph. He said he was going to have an ordinance listing each street and the speed limit. He stated that there is one existing ordinance on file for parking along the street at the fire department. The board called for two public hearings to be held on Monday, October 11, 2021 to (1) to consider reducing the speed limit on the town streets in the city limits of Pine Level and (2) to regulate parking on town streets.

Motion: Commissioner Greg Baker

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

Commissioner Bill Radford stated that there was a tragic accident recently in town and he would like to commend the professionalism that was exhibited by the police department, fire department and emergency personnel. He said they did an outstanding job. He stated "We appreciate all of you"!

Chief Woodard asked the board about setting the date and hours for Halloween/ trick-or-treating. The board agreed on Saturday, October 30th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Bill Radford

Vote: Unanimous

Commissioner Greg Baker stated that "Johnston Now" magazine honors and awards people in Johnston County every year in different categories. He said on October 14th at the Clayton Center in Clayton at 6:30 p.m., Police Chief Ashley Woodard is being recognized as the 2021 Johnston Now Distinguished Police Officer Award. Commissioner Jimmy Garner stated that Ashley has done a great job and worked above and beyond the call of duty during Covid. Mayor Holt agreed, and also stated that the Pine Level Police Department does a great job!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department President Greg Johnson stated that all was good. The board thanked the fire department for their service to the community.

STAFF- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

REZONING CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor Holt stated that currently the town does not know about the water and sewer capacity that Johnston County has available, or if or when it will be available. He said that three subdivisions have applied and been approved. He stated that we don't want to give developers a false hope. He stated that the town has a moratorium on PUDS for two years, and it may be time for the town to suspend any review or any approval of new subdivisions until Johnston County can give us more information on infrastructure.

Planning Board Chairman, Randy Jones stated he was wanting to research this with the planning board and offer the town board a plan. He said his suggestion was to do away with PUDS altogether and suggest going to an R10 zoning district without multi-family. He said the Town of Wilsons Mills and the Town of Clayton had already done this. Attorney Chip Hewett stated that the board may want to consider a moratorium on all major subdivisions. Commissioner Greg Baker stated that his biggest concern he had was that he did not want to price people out of Pine Level. Randy Jones stated we are not doing that.

Commissioner Jimmy Garner then entered a motion to call for a public hearing in order to place a moratorium on all future residential development in Pine Level until the town board could find out more information on the sewer capacity from Johnston County. Commissioner Bill Radford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Garner asked Attorney Hewett what if the town receives the capacity from Johnston County? Attorney Hewett said that the board could repeal the ordinance.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Attorney Chip Hewett stated that he wanted the board to consider doing the following:

- (1) Codification of their ordinances due to the growth of Pine Level
- (2) Consider changing the town's charter to staggered terms of office for commissioners which would benefit the staff and the public

PINE LEVEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Holt stated that he had received a letter of sponsorship from the Pine Level Elementary PTA. The board agreed to sponsor them and to send a check for \$250.

Motion: Commissioner Jimmy Garner

Second: Commissioner Greg Baker

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Jimmy Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Greg Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Connie N. Capps, Town Clerk





Jeff Holt, Mayor