

Mayor
Jeff Holt

Mayor Pro-Tem
Greg Baker

Board of Commissioners
Jimmy Garner
Phil Pittman
Bill Radford

Town Administrator
Dustin Kornegay



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 COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL, 10, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker called the regular meeting of the Pine Level Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Level Town Hall with a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

X Mayor Jeff Holt
✓ Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker
✓ Commissioner Jimmy Garner
✓ Commissioner Phil Pittman
✓ Commissioner Bill Radford.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Chip Hewett, Town Administrator Dustin Kornegay, Town Clerk Connie Capps, Finance Consultant Marla Ashworth, Police Chief Ashley Woodard, Public Works Superintendent Ray Stuckey, Recreation Director Scottie Hayes, Administrative Assistant Ashley Willoughby.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rex Braswell, Fire Dept President Greg Johnson, Debbie Herrera from Johnstonian News, Cliff Holloman, Sue Pate, Melissa Griffith, and Samuel & Debra Heuertz.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Phil Pittman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Commissioner Bill Radford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve: Commissioner Bill Radford
Second: Commissioner Phil Pittman
Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 13, 2023

Motion to approve: Commissioner Phil Pittman
Second: Bill Radford
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cliff Holloman asked the board if they had received an update on the sewer from Johnston County. Mayor Pro-tem stated it would be discussed during department reports.

PUBLIC HEARING: PETITION FOR ANNEXATION REQUEST:**REX M. BRASWELL LIFE ESTATE AND MELISSA B. BYRD REMAINDER**

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker next stated that a public hearing had been called for at the March 13th meeting and advertised on March 22nd and March 29th 2023 for the purpose of a Petition Requesting Annexation for Parcel#12N11005A located at 2630 US Highway 70-A.

Before the public hearing was opened, Mr. Rex Braswell from 1912 Pine Level-Micro Road stated that he would like to formally withdraw his petition for annexation at this time.

Commissioner Jimmy Garner made a motion to accept his request for withdrawal. Commissioner Bill Radford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: REZONING REQUEST

Mayor Pro-tem Greg Baker reported that a rezoning request had been submitted by Danny Evans and Cynthia Ransom. A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Radford and seconded by Commissioner Phil Pittman to call for a public hearing to be held at the next meeting which will be May 8, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nothing to report**PLANNING BOARD**

Planning Board Secretary Ashley Willoughby reported the Planning Board would be considering some updates to the Unified Development Ordinance in the next couple of months.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**RECREATION**

Recreation Commissioner Bill Radford reported for Recreation Director Scottie Hayes due to tee ball registration going on tonight at the park as well as the kick off for the softball and baseball tournaments. He also reported that he would ask Scottie to contact carpenters to do some repairs on the shelters at the park before Fireman's Day and the other 150th celebrations begin.

WATER/SEWER

Marla Ashworth reported that Spring funding applications will be due May 1st, where towns can apply for more money that the earmark money does not cover. She stated that on behalf of the Town, we would like to apply for more money for I&I

repairs and to do updates at the water treatment plant that your current earmark monies will not cover. She stated that the I&I project would involve a camera to inspect your sewer system to identify any major issues. She also reported that the well site is close to being permitted for a test well site, which is easily accessible to Peedin Avenue. Commissioner Pittman asked if the town would have to pay for these projects. Marla stated that these projects would be covered by Grant monies. Mayor Pro tem Greg Baker stated that the board would need to adopt the Resolution By Governing Body of Applicant provided, in order to apply and proceed with these projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Radford and seconded by Commissioner Phil Pittman to adopt the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Phil Pittman next asked Cliff Holloman to speak concerning his question mentioned earlier in the meeting. Mr. Holloman asked the board if there had been an update from Johnston County concerning the sewer. Attorney Chip Hewett stated that an agreement had been signed and the town is about 30 days into that reimbursement. Mr. Holloman said he didn't know if the board had decided at what point the fee could be charged to developers, or if there had been a fee amount decided upon. Attorney Hewett stated that we are a lot further down the road than we have been.

STREETS

Mayor Pro tem Greg Baker next introduced and welcomed Town Administrator Dustin Kornegay to everyone and stated that he has been working with the town for two weeks. He asked that Dustin give a report on privatization of garbage. Commissioner Phil Pittman stated that the town's garbage truck will handle the amount of garbage the town picks up now, but when the subdivisions are completed, we are considering privatizing garbage pickup. He stated that the cost of garbage trucks are expensive. Mayor Pro tem Greg Baker stated that Town Administrator Dustin Kornegay, Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey and the Mayor had met with GFL (Green for Life) about a Pilot Program. The GFL representative told them that they give the option of one year for \$12.50 per garbage cart for a count of 243 households would be \$36,450.00 per year. Ray Stuckey stated that the town charges \$27.00 per garbage cart. Mayor Pro tem Greg Baker stated that if the town entered into an agreement with the Pilot Program, it would free up the street department workers to do other jobs. He also asked if a penalty clause could be added to the agreement. Town Administrator Dustin Kornegay stated he just wanted to receive feedback from the board and to look over the program first to see if it would be worth it. Attorney Chip Hewett recommended to put this item on the agenda for the May meeting along with a copy of the contract for the board to review.

Public Works Supt. Ray Stuckey reported that paving/overlaying of Carolyn Drive will start next week. He said the contract was signed back in November but we had to wait for the weather to be right for paving.

POLICE DEPT

Police Commissioner Jimmy Garner reported that the police department had received two police vehicles and are waiting on other items to be installed. Police Chief Woodard reported that Zoning Administrator Scottie Hayes and himself had sent a letter to a resident on Main Street concerning a violation of the Appearance Ordinance. He stated that the resident got permits but has not complied due to a death in their family. Scottie said they have stated they would do so soon. Chief Woodard stated that they would extend the time to take care of the violation, but if they did not the town would turn this over to the town attorney.

FIRE DEPT

Fire Dept. President Greg Johnston reported that the department was very busy getting everything ready for Fireman's Day on May 20th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chip Hewett suggested that due to the board going from Mayor/Council to an Administrator/Council, the board should consider to consolidate the format of the agenda.

STAFF REPORT -Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS- Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Pro tem Greg Baker stated that the town's 150th Celebration is September 16th. He said as of last week we have one band booked and possibly the Band of Oz. He said that Chairman Randy Jones was working on the sound and stage for the events. He said on July 4th the Malpass Brothers from Goldsboro will perform which will be a 90-minute show. He said he had seen them perform several times. He invited everyone to come out for all the 150th Events. Cliff Holloman asked if there would be sponsorships for these events. Scottie Hayes stated that there would be, and they will be available very soon.

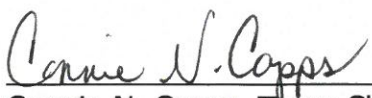
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Director Scottie Hayes announced that surveys are still available for feedback on the Master Plan for the Sam Godwin Recreation Park. He asked that everyone complete the Survey either online at www.pinelevel.org or pick up a survey at the Pine Level Town Hall.

Resident Sue Pate asked where the stage would be located for the bands. There was some discussion on the placement of the stage, but the board agreed that the placement of the stage would not be permanent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Bill Radford and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Garner to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.


Connie N. Capps, Town Clerk




Jeff Holt, Mayor