

TOWN OF PINE LEVEL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2010  
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, October 11, 2010 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

Commissioner Gudac gave the invocation and Commissioner Pittman then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DELETIONS: 10 (A) Table discussion on Super 70 until next month (JH)

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Gudac  
*SECOND:* Anderson  
*VOTE:* unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09-13-10

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Gudac  
*VOTE:* unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for comment on any non-agenda items. Hearing none, he proceeded to discuss committee reports.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENIORS GROUP: Nester McClain said everything is going well with the seniors. They are planning a trip to Myrtle Beach in November.

PLANNING BOARD: Terry Rains said they did not meet in September, but they should meet on October 28th.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

WATER/SEWER: Commissioner Pittman. Water tank still awaiting paint, should happen soon. Still looking for problems with sewer infiltration. Kester Kornegay asked what has delayed painting the water tank. Dan Simmons responded that they ran into some old equipment that needed to be replaced and they had to send in change orders to do the work. Commissioner Pittman said it was better to do it now than to wait and have to tear it out later. Dan Simmons said they wanted it to last another 50 years.

RECREATION: Commissioner Anderson. Football and cheering now in progress. Soccer underway as well. Basketball registration for ages 5-18 will be open through October 29th. Christmas tree lighting will take place on Monday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m., with music groups and hot chocolate. "Me Fine Organization" sent letter of praise for use of park facilities and for help from Scottie Hayes and Ken Wall Jr.

STREETS: Commissioner Garner. Commended citizens on increase in recycling. Commissioner Pittman said leaf pick up would soon get started.

POLICE: Commissioner Gudac. Police hit a deer while driving the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria. Insurance has paid off repair bill of about \$2200. Recommended that money be put on another vehicle instead of repairs to 2000 Ford. Found a used Impala for just over \$7,000, with 50,000+ miles. Department saved money on new hire salary, will use same radio and lights. Car is in Virginia and they would have to go and pick it up; would have to purchase graphics for car. Commissioner Garner asked how many police cars are now being used, chief said three. Commissioner Gudac said they are making better use of cars now than in the past, and that a new car would cost over \$19,000 on state contract. Commissioner Garner asked where the accident occurred with the deer, Chief said it happened near Giles Chapel Church. Commissioner Garner asked if the budget would handle this purchase. Commissioner Gudac felt that it would, since two of the salaries have changed. Commissioner Gudac said he would make the suggestion to purchase the used car into a motion. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and Commissioner Pittman asked if they could get a CARFAX report on the used car. Chief Sparks said he would call and get information on the car. He said the loan value on it was \$7600. The board then voted unanimously to approve the car purchase, and Commissioner Gudac said it would depend on everything coming out okay on the car report.

*MOTION TO PURCHASE USED CAR:* Gudac

*SECOND:* Anderson

*VOTE:* unanimous

Commissioner Gudac reported that a new officer has been hired and that he is currently working on animal control, code compliance, etc. until his paperwork comes back from the state. He also said that his efforts had not gone well with the county, as far as animal control is concerned, but he is still negotiating with them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Paul Allen reported that the Fire Department would hold a fundraiser on November 6th. He said reverse raffle tickets would be \$50 and any fireman could sell them. Mayor Holt encouraged everyone to support the efforts of the fire department.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Commissioner Gudac said the town now has someone working on animal problems. He also said that he recently switched jobs and now has more time during the week to meet with people on his day off. He said he encountered a lot of inflexibility on the county's part, but he was going to talk with them again this week. He asked the chief when the new officer would get his certification papers; Chief Sparks said they should come anytime. Commissioner Pittman asked if the police department would be handling animal calls. Commissioner Gudac said they did not want to have that responsibility, but they are taking care of it for the time being. Commissioner Anderson asked that the police be tactful in handling the calls, and attentive to citizens' complaints.

## TAX INCENTIVES

Mayor Holt recognized Terry Rains, who wished to address the board concerning tax incentives. He said he attended a board meeting in another local town and thought that it was interesting that they were giving citizens tax incentives to build homes or businesses in the town. Mayor Holt said he attempted to contact Don Rains, the mayor of Princeton, earlier, to see exactly what Princeton had approved. Commissioner Gudac thought that towns could not give tax incentives. Commissioner Pittman pointed out that Princeton's tax rate is \$.56, while Pine Level's is only \$.44. Commissioner Garner commented that Princeton has a lot more places to build than does Pine Level, and he said that Pine Level was more attractive to new tenants than Princeton. The mayor thanked Mr. Rains for his interest in bringing the idea to the town. He suggested that Mr. Rains obtain a copy of what was approved in Princeton, and that he take it before the Planning Board and consider it. If they felt it was something the town should look at, they could make a recommendation to the town. He said it was good for the town to grow in an orderly manner. Mr. Rains said Pine Level basically does not have problems and he commended the board for the work they do. Kester Kornegay asked if the incentives would pertain to subdivisions already approved. Mayor Holt did not think it would apply to them, since it was not intended to encourage developers.

## JC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Mayor Holt asked Commissioner Gudac to address the recommendation from Johnston County concerning the Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Gudac said the updates seemed to be just changes in verbiage, clearing up some gray areas for the public. He said that he would recommend approval of the updates to the county plan.

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Gudac

*SECOND:* Anderson

*VOTE:* unanimous

## POLICY ON WATER/SEWER CONNECTIONS

Commissioner proposed a written policy, specifying that all connections to water/sewer lines be paid upfront, or any decisions on possible exceptions to the policy, to be decided prior to any connections being made. He went on to read the proposed policy aloud. He recommended approval of the policy, a copy of which is included with and hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

*MOTION TO APPROVE:* Pittman

*SECOND:* Garner

*VOTE:* unanimous

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Holt asked about the Christmas parade, which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, 2010. He suggested forming a committee to work on the parade. He said representatives could come from the fire department, the seniors group, the VFW and American Legion, the police department, the town administration, and the town recreation department. He felt it would be a good idea for them to meet and discuss such things as the parade route, the grand marshal, etc. Commissioner Gudac suggested adding someone at large from the public sector. Mayor Holt said they could advertise and ask for volunteers. He said the parade was called off last year because of rain. He asked that Commissioner Anderson take the lead in that effort.

He also announced that there would be a bid opening on Tuesday, October 12th, for renovations on the new town hall. He asked what board members would be attending the bid opening, since more than three members would constitute a quorum and they would need to meet in open session. Commissioners Anderson, Garner, Pittman, and the mayor indicated they might attend.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:40 p.m., the board entered closed session to consult with the town attorney concerning possible litigation, pursuant to NCGS143-318.11(A)(3). After a brief meeting with Frank Wood, the closed session was ended and regular session resumed at 7:46 p.m. At that time, Commissioner Gudac moved to authorize the town clerk to pay a bill for architectural services to Doggett Architects, Inc. for the initial plans for a new town hall. The motion was approved unanimously.

*MOTION:* Gudac  
*SECOND:* Pittman  
*VOTE:* unanimous

**MEETING RECESSED**

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 for the town hall bid opening.

*MOTION:* Pittman  
*SECOND:* Gudac  
*VOTE:* unanimous

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TOWN CLERK

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MAYOR