

March 13, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem/ Commissioner Mike Hill, Commissioners James Quinn and Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Fire Chief Tony Heath, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, and Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell. Mayor Carol Sykes was unable to attend the board meeting due to being in the hospital.

Visitors present for the meeting were Katie Dunning with NCRWA, Dr. Edwin Little, Dr. Alice Scott, Jennifer Scott, and planning board members: Robin Whaley Gilbert, Trina Patrick, Ashley Keffer, Debbie Outlaw, and Jennifer Murphy.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill called the regular meeting to order and welcomed everyone who was here tonight. He said if you would put your phone, either cut them off or put them on silence. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I am conducting the meeting tonight because Mayor Sykes is in the hospital. She has some problems and they are going to do a procedure tomorrow and hopefully everything works out fine. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said so at this time we will stand and say the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked if everyone had looked over the agenda. He said I need a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said a motion has been made and a seconded, is there any discussion if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I need a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the consent agenda with board minutes from February 13, 2018. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have a motion and a seconded, is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Wellhead Protection Zoning Overlay Presentation. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill introduced Katie Dunning from NCRWA Source Water Specialist. She is trying to help us protect our one and only well we have got and I am going to turn the meeting over to Katie. Katie said hi everyone. First off thank you for having me and just cause I know you all, some of you don't know me yet. Of course my name is Katie and just a little bit about what I do real quick for background. I am helping to create a Wellhead Protection Plan and the purpose of the plan is to ensure the safety and security of ground water. And how we do that is, just quick outline, we establish a planning team and from there we create a wellhead protection area and after that we develop a map of potential contaminants and survey the contaminants. From there we develop management strategies based off of that. Typically from there we would go off of a non-regulatory or regulatory approach and those options are actually kind of going to be what I am talking about today.

Katie said so I would like to just start by talking a little bit about zoning in general here but firstly I would like to hand out a couple of things. So these are just examples of plans that have been done in the past when it comes to overlay ordinances. Who all is with the zoning board?

Wonderful! We are not going to be talking about these directly because this is just kind of to show roughly what a plan looks like and what it normally includes. Really what I am going to be talking about today is pros and cons of zoning, why it could be beneficial to Pink Hill, and what does it exactly mean. Now to start probably a good first question is probably where are we even proposing the zoning. So I have actually brought some maps as well to show approximately the wellhead protection area where the well is. Now the radius is 1,500 feet and how this was determined was by a state hydrogeologist and he has determined that that is the recharge zone of the well. She said and you can also see how I have mapped out some of the contaminants on here, potential contaminants. This is the zone that we are looking to protect.

Katie said as you can see there is some contaminants around the sides too and those could eventually be put into the circle should well #2 come back online or should new wells be added, but for now this is just what we are looking to start with. So firstly, there are of course options other than zoning but a lot of the time they'd be a little bit more difficult such as land acquisition. Now that is not always a feasible option because of course land acquisition is typically extremely expensive. The other options being land use controls and education which would be the zoning we are talking about in education. And all of this can of course be used together so you can always have an educational program and zoning program.

What is overlay zoning exactly? So we all have probably seen standard zoning maps of course. Now an overlay would be is just something that is just in that area. Something that would just cover the inside in there of that circle and what are the typical goals of this zoning. Well the reason that we would zone would be to protect human life and health, to ensure that the public is provided with a sustainable and safe potable water supply, and minimize expenditures of public money for pollution or mediation. Now this one is a big one because one of the sources that I have used was actually a very good one by Becky France about overlay zoning. You can find it on the EPA's website just by looking up Becky France. Katie said and back then doing remediation in cities would cost about in 1992 about \$63 million dollars just for one city and they'd sometimes have to do many, many cities to get this done. So the other thing that we are trying to do is actually minimize the regulation on land use but still have it to an appropriate level. And the last thing we are trying to do also is minimize business interruptions. We are trying to have this be as seamless as possible while protecting the water supply. So why would you want to zone in this case. What would make a town zone? And one of the statistics that I read was less than one gallon of chemical leakage a week could shut down a million gallon a day well. Now that is substantial. That is less than a gallon jug leaking a week. And as we all know in this case, it is probably cheaper to prevent it, to create a plan, to do some kind of monitoring than it is for the \$63 to \$67 million dollars that someone could spend per city cleaning it up. And just, if you look at the broad range of chemicals back in the 1992 there were about 60 thousand chemicals on the market, 63 thousand with about 500 synthetics coming on the market every month. We're looking more at 100 thousand now and if you think about that, that's a substantial amount that we also don't know about. We don't know anything about some of these. So the best way to actually control it is to prevent it from happening. And private wells as well would experience this benefit so if you had anyone in the city should they be on a private well, it would be also protecting their water. And you might think also well what if this deters businesses. What if a business doesn't want to come into town? What if we are you know squelching that? So it's actually a pretty flexible plan. You could potentially create restrictions

closer and further away that were different like you might say okay well “X Industry” can end up on the outskirts and “Y Industry” is safe enough that it can be closer to the well. There are sometimes alternatives to zoning like you could do restrictions to septic tanks or underground storage tanks, but it really doesn’t take the cumulative nature into account of chemicals. It doesn’t take into account that when chemicals go in you’re constantly taking a hit to biodiversity, to any kind of well conditions that you might have. One of the things is that a lot of the times it is good to note that oh well businesses that are already here will be grandfathered in, so it is not a fix all or if there is someone in that you don’t want to be there. Now what it can do however is keep that operation from intensifying or expanding. So should you not particularly like what someone was doing, you could keep them from growing out much further than you would particularly be comfortable with.

And to get to the part about how does it function, so there are about three different ways that zoning standardly works. When it comes to zoning you can restrict density. A lot of places do this to restrict things like septic tanks. Now of course that’s not really an issue here but by the wording of that you could also have a designate minimum lot coverage. So that could help too by making sure things aren’t squished too closely together. And as far as density goes you could also potentially say hey there is too many of these businesses here. You want to start a business you have to start over here and that way should you have some kind of an incident, instead of having like five car places clustered all up here maybe the one that’s to the right would be the one that could cause this and you could better pinpoint that if you had more area between pollutants. So the other is restricting types of businesses by land use such as junkyards, dumps, or mining operations. So you could say that there can’t be any dumps in the wellhead protection area and no new trash dumps or anything else could enter.

And the last thing is restricting the activities for different types of businesses such as let’s say there is a chemical that comes on the market and it’s really something that could potentially be harmful, maybe we don’t know that much about it, maybe we do and it is to ill effect. What you could do is you could cause that business that comes into town that either produces or stores this chemical to actually have registration, have monitoring, have inspection requirements, or you could regulate that chemical altogether and say we don’t want anyone using this chemical in this area. Now there are of course I am not here just to talk about what I can do just so everyone has the whole picture here. While there aren’t that many drawbacks of zoning, sometimes people might not be supportive and sometimes if you would be to administer this, the kinds of things you would want to look out for are things like public participation. She said because communities might not necessarily be supportive if it is telling them something that they have to do with their land. And businesses might feel like the regulations could damage them economically so it is very good to keep an open line with businesses too should this be an issue. And also in some rare instances it could discourage a new business from coming into town depending on the stringency of the rules. There is also the idea that, and again this is back with the idea of keeping an open line of communication with residences, that sometimes if you put in something new like overlay zoning they might suddenly think oh there is something wrong with my water. There could be some kind of a misconception about there actually being a present danger which there is not, and that is why it is very important to communicate throughout the whole process. It is also not very feasible if the city is overdeveloped but actually I think that this particular city is a very good level of development to put in such regulations before it starts

to grow more. Of course I have already mentioned but it is still important to remember that existing businesses will be grandfathered. However, as I mentioned before, there are ways to keep them from expanding and intensifying. So that is helpful and on rare occasions, sometimes the overlay regulations can conflict with federal regulations. So sometimes it is better to take a broader stance should zoning be taken into account, but of course that is why I would suggest in any case to always have some kind of legal representation. Have some kind of legal input when it comes to deciding what kind of laws you want to have. She said and like I was saying before I am not going to discuss what is in the other plans directly but I have the packet of plans out there, and it is just suggestions based off of what other people have done. And I of course don't recommend like directly taking everything from one city should this be you know something that is adopted. I would definitely cater it directly to the needs of whatever is going on in the town today. And one of the first things that is important is to kind of develop the particular goals of Pink Hill, but I believe that there are plenty of pros and plenty of good and plenty of safe keeping that could be had from zoning. Katie said and that is all I have today, thank you everyone. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said thank you Katie.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we will take this under advisement and we are going to have to have a couple of hearings and the zoning board is going to have to look at it and so is Wayland. Kim said when I talked to Wayland he said probably what you would need to do is if you wanted to continue now that she has given her presentation, if you wanted to further look into it, the board would just need to make a motion saying that we want to proceed in looking over this and that way that opens the door for the planning board and then they can start looking over it and meet at their meeting to discuss it and then he would tell what steps to proceed with. Kim said if you want to proceed with it, you would just... Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said Timmy did you want to say something? Timmy replied yes. He said if you will correct me if I am wrong. We can get another wellhead protection plan in place without any overlay with zoning right? Is that correct? Katie said you mean should you want to end the zoning practices? Timmy replied yes ma'am. Katie said I'm not 100 percent sure how it would work to end the practices of it. Timmy said I was talking about if they decide to not move forward with any more regulations. Katie said oh absolutely. Timmy said I wanted to make that... this is something that I felt like or we felt like was an addition to the wellhead protection and for our plan and for the wellness of our water system. Katie said yes absolutely and there can be a completely non-regulatory system of education. That is 100 percent fine. The plan can still be complete. This is simply an add-on should it occur. Timmy said that is what I was trying to say.

George asked isn't our water from the Black Creek aquifer? Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill replied yea. George asked how does it take contaminated ground water to get down through the clay into the Black Creek aquifer? Katie said hard to say. It really highly depends on what kind of contaminant it is but thankfully ground water movement is extremely slow compared to surface water. So a lot of the time when it comes to what happens when a pollutant happens, of course, a pollution incident report would be sent to the Washington State office for here at least it would be. The regional office I apologize and at that point they could project it based off of the level of the contaminant and the plume. What direction it was going in and you could project that potentially over a 5 to 10 year span depending. Because some things could take up to 5 or 10 years to actually reach the groundwater. George said not the groundwater what about the aquifer, the water in the aquifer so many hundreds of feet below the groundwater. Katie replied

yes that is what I meant. It could take years. It could be shorter. It does really depend on it. It is highly confined is what it is considered. So the good news is there is a lot more protection than there would be standardly but I mean in theory it could take 5 to 10 years for some of these things. It is just hard to tell. George said a community that gets its drinking water from groundwater or from the top aquifer is much more in danger than we are. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill replied yes. Katie said absolutely but one of the things that puts this town more at risk is the fact that it is one well. So it only takes one major incident to potentially knock it out. George said but aren't we concerned about incidents in Lee County and Johnson County and where our aquifer comes up closer to the surface? Katie said not necessarily because again the motility is pretty low or pretty slow. The movement is pretty slow. When it comes to the area that I put down, that is the recharge area in that case. That is really as far as our site can go reliably. That's as far as we can see ahead. So when it comes to the other towns, it's you know it kind of does depend on what they are doing. Unfortunately there is not a whole lot of foresight that can be had for that. George replied thank you.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said also the other thing with chemicals George, in this area up here where the well is at mostly is ductile iron pipe which is good. We do have some PVC back this way. Any chemical that ventures into the ground will penetrate PVC pipe, anything that has petroleum base and that is the other upside of this to keep potential chemicals from a service station leak. It could get into PVC pipe or waterlines so that is one thing, but it is up y'all to make a motion to proceed or. Commissioner Murphy stated it sounds like a good thing to me so I will make a motion to proceed with pursuing it. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have a motion and a second, is there any discussion. All in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said thank you very much Katie and we will set up a time for the planning board to have a public hearing, and all this and hope to see you back. Katie said wonderful, absolutely, thank you.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked George do we need to go ahead and make a motion for a public hearing or wait until the planning board. George said wait for the planning board and Wayland to meet. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said if y'all have any, the members of the planning board that are here tonight, questions, I have got Katie's number and Timmy has got Katie's number and there is also other people in that division that you can talk to and also the Washington Regional office about wellhead protection. So if you have any questions, just give us a call.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution of Support to the Pink Hill Area Preservation & Development Committee for the Redevelopment of the Old Pink Hill Media Center. Dr. Edwin Little said I would like to thank the board for allowing me to come and talk with you tonight. He said I want to give you a resolution. He handed out the resolution to the board. As a member of the PHAPDC board one of our major goals is to develop as much of the old school campus as we can. And of course we have done that with the old computer classroom building which is now the Wellness Center. The Fire Department has done a great job getting the cafeteria into an activities area and their two-story building they use for practice. What we would like to do is at least try to explore doing something with the media center building that would improve or benefit the town. I know that the town board had originally looked into the possibility of developing it and decided that that wasn't something that they would really be able to do. So what we would like to do if you refer to the resolution, we'd like to just get the town boards

blessing for us to pursue possible alternative ways to improve the media center. Do you have any questions? Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we got this last week and I don't think our attorney has had ample opportunity to look it over. So I actually would love to be able to look at it more and let George look at it more and get back with an opinion. So I am going to ask to table this until the next meeting so we can look at it further if that is alright with you. Dr. Little replied sure. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to table until the next meeting the resolution. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said a motion has been made to table until the next meeting. All in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. He said we will let George look at it real good and we will get back with you. Dr. Little said okay. Just come back to the next meeting and we will have an answer for you. Dr. Little said sure, thank you for your consideration. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said thank you Dr. Little, and Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Scott.

The next item on the agenda was Water Meter Policy. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said that is me and Timmy both. We have had a couple of our meters since the new project, the new meters put in...Everybody is supposed to have a cutoff at their meter. A couple of people have snatched these lids off and broke the wires and we have had to replace or repair the meters and I am going to turn this over to Timmy now. Timmy said well it cost about \$200. We don't have to replace the whole meter whenever that happens, just the transmitter part and the top. We can replace that but it still costs the town about \$200 and how many can you stand to do without you know. I just wanted to get some type of policy out. I know the ones that we have trouble with I put the transmitter on the inside but nobody is supposed to be inside their own water meter. The water meter is the towns and they are supposed to have their own cutoff which you have already said. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said well I am just as guilty as anybody else because I don't have one either but I want to get one. When we did this project that was something that was in the policy I was thinking that project that everybody would put a cutoff on their side instead of using...Timmy said it may have been supposed to have been put in there. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said yes but it wasn't put in and that is the thing we need to look at is if they don't put a cutoff on their side and they go in the meter box and tear it up, they have to pay for it. But if they have got the cutoff, they don't have to go in that meter box. They have no business in the meter box.

Kim said aren't we having trouble with them damaging them with mowers and stuff like that too. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we had one. Timmy said not lately we haven't, but we have had a few that has happened that way. Usually I can just put them on the inside the box. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said let everybody know that they should have a cutoff on the outside of the meter box, their own cutoff or if they go in to the meter box and tear the meter up, they will pay for the repairs. Timmy said I would have to say if everybody knew that I was available 24/7, which I am, I had people calling me whenever the snow and ice happened. They called me and said look I know I am not supposed to go into the meter box, can you come cut my water off, I am blowing water under the house and I went out. I had several occasions on that and if you can have that added to the policy if you wanted to that I am available. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said if we adopt a policy either way, we can put it on the water bills that states if you go in that box and you damage the meter or the wires, you will be responsible for paying for it or put a cutoff on the outside. I mean I think we probably will have to have a motion for such a policy right George. George replied yes, do you want to do it as a policy or as an ordinance. Kim said all of our other water stuff is actually policies. George said but I am

thinking that if you want to put basically a criminal aspect on it making it more enforceable through the criminal court as opposed to a lawsuit. He said but if you have an ordinance, you are going to have to have public hearings and all that. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said well we could try it with just a policy and if it don't work, then we could come back with an ordinance right. George replied uh huh. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said well what is the pleasure of the board. Commissioner Quinn made a motion for the policy...Kim said so what are you saying that for the policy because I mean we would have to get it written up that all customers would be required to have an outside cutoff to the water system so they won't be going into the water meter or if they choose not to do that and they go in the water meter box to cut their water off for an emergency or whatever. If they break it, they have got to replace it.

George said even if they have a cutoff outside, they shouldn't go in the water meter box. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said if they go in the water meter at all and tear anything up, they should be responsible for paying for it. George said what about a policy that they will be responsible for paying for the damages to the water meter but that the town recommends that they put a cutoff between the meter and their house. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have got a motion. Commissioner Murphy said we basically need to say what George said. George said do you have a second. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said yes and I have got a second from Penny. Commissioner Quinn said give them a little wiggle room but they shouldn't be in the meter box anyway but if there is somebody in there and they do damage, then they are responsible. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked was there any more discussion, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was NCRWA Conference May 14th through 17th. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked anybody besides Timmy? Kim said he said not. Timmy said I don't think so. I don't think Alex and I know Phillip doesn't want to go. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said okay. The North Carolina Rural Water Conference is May 14th through the 17th and most years we send one or two people to it. It is a learning experience and Timmy does go to class I will say that because I see him and they get their on hours and also Timmy and Alex both took the certification class last year, right? Timmy said it was the year before last. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said year before last. Timmy said but Alex did get his certification also last year. He is right now taking spray irrigation. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said it is May 14th through the 17th and we save a little bit of money if we get it in before April, so would like to have a motion to be able to send Timmy to the conference. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to send Timmy to the conference. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner said I have a motion on the floor to send Timmy to the conference. All in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Recommendation of New Planning Board Members. Kim said these are names of...The way we did it when first started with our planning board, I brought names of people that had shown interest or people that we knew kind of wanted to be on the planning board at the time, and just say the names and the board gave a motion for me to contact the people. And if they so choose to be on it, we let them. If they declined, we moved forward. So I have got four names. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked does everybody have them. Kim replied no, just you. The board stated they had it. Kim said did I give you one? Oh I did make copies of it, okay, I couldn't remember if I did. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked how many planning board members we have altogether. Kim said there is five or six I think

yeah and Sue. We have already got those. George said you have got some from outside and some that are not outside. Kim replied yes, we have already got a current planning board. Robin is the Chairman and then Debbie is Vice-Chair and Ashley is Secretary and then we have got Ms. Trina, Ms. Sue Hamilton, Mr. Carl Dean, and Dr. Jennifer Murphy. Ashley, Carl Dean, and Dr. Jennifer are our ETJ because they live outside the city limits and the rest are inside the city limits. So these are all inside because the ETJ, we have got enough to cover the outside of the city limits. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill read the names on the list: Daniel White, Rhonda Copley, Jackie Grant, and Rod Howard. Kim said you won't be voting for, I mean you will be voting for me to ask them if they would like to serve on the board. Commissioner Murphy said so it is not like we are choosing them next month. Kim replied no, I am just going to ask them and if they want to serve, they will tell us yes or no. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I need a motion to let Kim do the calling. Commissioner Quinn made a motion for Kim to contact these people for the planning board committee. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Garbage Customer Complaint. Kim said as we were just talking about water policies. You know our garbage policy is that every person that lives in town has to have garbage through the town because we have a contract with Waste. All house residents have the carts and the businesses have dumpsters. The gentleman that owns Coastal Ice House he has just realized that we are billing him for a cart and we just started the cart bill for him last year because there was a discrepancy with some of the garbage. Well he has just noticed it and he has got a problem with it. He says he doesn't need a cart because there is no one there but the cart is getting used because people that go get ice from the ice house put their trash in the cart. He doesn't think that he needs one and I tried to explain to him that all businesses and all people that live in town have to have carts that have water, sewer, and garbage with us. That is the policy but he wanted me to ask the board being it was the ice house and there's not physically someone there, did he still have to have a garbage cart. And I tried to tell him he was going to but I told him I would ask. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said well in my opinion yes because I have gone out there when there weren't one there and there was trash everywhere. Commissioner Quinn said they would hang it on the post or whatever. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said yes. Kim said well he called back and he wanted to know why we didn't require the Cash Point to have one and I said well Cash Point's does not have water with us. They are not really...it is just a box basically. Commissioner Quinn said it is an ATM. Kim replied right. Commissioner Quinn said it has a place where you can throw your trash in the bottom of it. Kim said I am just...don't shoot the messenger. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked do we need a motion to tell him that he has to have a cart or just follow the town policies. George said no I think you would need a motion if you decide to exempt him. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have been out there before when he didn't have a cart and I saw drink cartons, beer cartons, and their bags all over everywhere so. Kim said well his thing is he says there is a stake out there that people are supposed to put their bags. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said people don't do that. Kim said well that is what...Commissioner Quinn said and then the wind blows and scatters litter or whatever. Kim said so I just need to tell him that he has got to have the cart. George said yes, the commission declined to exempt him from the policy. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said yep.

Police Report was next on the agenda. Chief Thigpen said I gave Kim a copy of my activity list and it's supposed to be in your handbook. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill replied yep. Chief Thigpen said I will read over them if you would like. We had a total of 57 calls from February 13th through March 12th. Most of them were minor calls. He said nothing bad happened or anything like that so everything has been pretty quiet. Everything is going good. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said thank you Joey. Chief Thigpen asked if there were any questions but there were none. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said keep up the good work.

The Fire Department Report was next on the agenda. Fire Chief Heath said our call volume has also decreased over the last 30 days since our last board meeting which is a good thing for us because we were ready for a slowdown. EMS assignments we had 10, 4 vehicle accidents, 3 structure fires, 1 fire alarm, and 1 brush fire for a total of 19 calls over the last duration since the last meeting. He said nothing new that is upcoming. We are still waiting on award announcements on our grants that we have applied for. That is all we have for right now. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill and the board said thank you for your service.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Report. Timmy said I have got my spray irrigation pump at the sewer plant. I have one that is working fine but I would like to have it pulled also. He said I have one that is running about half what it should pump and I feel like it has either got some trash in it or it could be bad because according to Mr. Jerry Pearson it has been since...this one has never been rebuilt. It has been pulled and cleaned but it hasn't never been rebuilt. Timmy said Mr. Pearson is expecting to have to carry it back in. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said not since 1995. Timmy said he said 1994 but where he got that from. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said no 1995. Timmy said I know the plant was in operation in 1995. I am going to go ahead and have both of them pulled while he is here with the crane and at least clean the other one. The other one was rebuilt in 2012 or 2013 I can't remember and it seems to be pumping at capacity. It is just while the crane is here we want to go ahead and get it all cleaned up.

Timmy said we just started our annual burnout yesterday. Neuse Regional just started sending out just chlorine water instead of chlorine and ammonia water. The Public Water Supply recommends that once a year to get a good disinfection throughout your system. There will be a lot of flushing going on over the next few days. Whenever it gets to us it takes a few days for it to get to us. So whenever it gets here we will start flushing to get a good burnout or get a good clean.

Timmy said that is all I have got but I do have a truck that probably the transmission is going to have to be rebuilt in short order and I hope it doesn't tear up on Alex while he is gone. It is the one he is driving. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said okay. Timmy said the light comes on and goes off. He said it has slipped some. I haven't talked to anybody about what it would cost or anything. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked where's he at. Timmy replied he is in Raleigh. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner replied okay. Timmy said he is in Raleigh getting his spray irrigation certification.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked Timmy if he had any bids on the two sinkholes. Timmy replied yes sir. Kim said they are in the budget amendment. Timmy said I have received three bids and the low bid was Donnie Pierce and the bid was \$10,550. The other bids were outrageous and not even close and why I don't know. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said

well one of them has got so much work he couldn't get to all of it. I know that. Timmy said all three I know do good work.

The next item on the agenda was Budget Amendments if needed. Kim said the first budget amendment is to repair the sewer lines and fix the sinkholes near 407 Old Beulaville Road and the intersection of Old Beulaville Road and Hunter Street. We have talked about this in the past. We were going to use the economic money that we have to fix this and that will be what he was just speaking of, the bid for the \$10,550. I included in the sales tax so \$11,300 is what we will do that budget amendment for of the economic money. Timmy said just so you will know why me and my boys are not doing it is because it is 8 feet deep. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we don't have the shoring equipment to do it with.

Kim said and then the next budget amendment would be for the Water Fund and that is to amend the budget to repair the sewer spray irrigation pump that Timmy just talked about. We are going to have to move money from Water Fund Savings \$10,000 to equipment maintenance for that. Kim said and also Timmy and them are having to test our water more and he is having to buy supplies more than normal, so our budget on our water environmental testing we will have to increase it by \$3,000. So we are also going to have to do a budget amendment for \$3,000 from Water Fund Savings for the water environmental testing. That is to increase the expenditures for water testing. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we need a motion for this and we can do it all in one motion can't we. George replied yes. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the budget amendment requests. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I have a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is Remarks by Town Attorney. George said I am just happy to be with y'all again this month. I do have something that I would like to be heard in closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill replied okay.

The next item on the agenda was Comments by the Board. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill asked if there were any comments by the board. Kim said the only thing is Mayor Sykes wanted her to bring up, she just wanted me to let y'all know that and she said you might already know that the landfill fee is due to increase. So we are going to have to look at that when we are doing budget stuff but she said it was in the newspaper and on the news. The county is increasing that fee. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said I just want to say thank you everybody for bearing with me. This is the first time I have done this. The board, George, Kim and everyone present told him he done good.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment Period if needed. There were no public comments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session if needed. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we need a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we have a motion and a second to go into closed session. All in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Hill said we thank all of you for coming. We appreciate it.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to change April 10th board meeting to April 18th. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.