

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2024

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on February 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Town Clerk Lauren Smith, Police Chief Michael Hoffman and Officer John Weaver.

Mayor Horne called the meeting to order & asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lauren Smith, Town Clerk, then conducted roll call.

Visitors present were: Tony Esposito, Joshua Eing, Lisa Jones, Trina Patrick, Mona Jones Jessica Goodman, Kevin Casey, Fire Chief Brett Smith, Joe Baker, Carolyn Whitfield, Kristen Fantini and Suzie Baker.

Mayor Horne referenced meeting protocol & conflict of interest statement - no Commissioner had any conflict of interest.

Public Comments:

Mr. Esposito took the podium give an update on last meeting's proposed Neighborhood Watch Program. The first meeting is scheduled for February 20 at 7pm at Tower 110 with pizza provided by Joe Baker with Two Dogs Pizza. The Committee's members are: Mona Jones, Trina Patrick, Suzie Baker & Tony Esposito. During the meeting, the program's purpose will be explained & visitors will be encouraged to ask questions. Chief Hoffman will also give a demonstration on firearms safety in the home & has already verified sign placement around town.

The podium was then approached by Joshua Eing, who brought up the topic of Recreation in Pink Hill, & the fact that a lot of people don't know about what the town has to offer. The request was met with approval and ideas and suggestions were discussed, including adding a link to Lenoir County Parks & Recreation to the website, posting schedules, flyers and signs to increase public awareness of recreational programs & making improvements to existing recreational spaces.

Lastly, Lisa Jones came forward requesting the status of the re-naming of Eva Mae Jones Roads. The Mayor & Town Clerk advised that the name change request had been submitted to Google Maps & the Town is currently awaiting implementation.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the February agenda.
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- No discussion.
- Vote was unanimous.
- Motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the January 2024 Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- No discussion
- Vote was unanimous.
- Motion carries.

Approval of the Financial Reports:

Mayor Horne made the board aware that Connie Huffman, the Town's Account had advised that reports were still incomplete and therefore not included in the binders for this month. There was no further discussion.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates including ongoing billing issues, ONWASA contracted services & the addition of Kevin Casey to the department.
- Commissioner Murphy did not have information for PHVFD's call report, but Fire Chief Brett Smith was present & advised there have been 40 total calls since the last meeting. There was no report provided for binders.
- The monthly Police report for January was included in binders and read by Mayor Horne on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman.

Old Business:

Mayor Horne stated there was no old business on the agenda & the question was posed, but nothing brought up by any of the Commissioners.

New Business:

Mayor Horne requested Board approval of the Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Plan proposed by Stroud Engineering firm utilizing 5.6 million in Grant money awarded in 2022 to the Town. This then allows the Town to move forward with advertisement.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Mayor Horne then requested approval of the Water & Sewer AIA files (GSI mapping of the Town) completed by Stroud Engineering, in order to close out the project so they can receive payment.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Mayor Horne requested Board approval of the Recommendation of Award from the Adam's Company for the 2 upcoming CDBG projects. There was a short discussion on the addresses of the projects & the type of houses that will be constructed.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Finally, Mayor Horne requested Board approval of the Local Government General Records & Retention Schedule to be filed with the NC Archives.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Fire Chief Brett Smith gave an update for the upcoming Fireman's Day Festival to be held on May 18 from 9am-3pm. The Fire Department is tentatively requesting road closure of Pine Street & Central Avenue from Broadway to Macon Street, as well as Walnut Street. There are plans for a Car show, Antique Tractor show, Fire Truck

display & Golf cart giveaway, as well the annual Fire Department Barbeque Fundraiser,

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve road closures as necessary
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries

Suzie Baker asked the Mayor about getting the Town to look at her damaged water meter. The Mayor mentioned to the Fire Chief about the flushing & testing the Pinewood water tank on February 19 which should take about a week to complete. He also mentioned that the town may begin using NRWASA once they flush their lines and get chlorine levels up to standard.

Commissioner Murphy spoke about the unauthorized use & disrepair of the existing tennis & pickle ball courts. Ideas & suggestions were discussed including providing soccer nets & lighting to other public spaces in Town.

Mayor Horne spoke about a proposed series of Community Clean up events, specifically addressing some of the condemned homes in abandoned areas of Town. He also spoke about connecting two side roads in the same area with a rock drive to eliminate emergency traffic concerns.

Comments by BOC:

Commissioner Fantini commended Joe Baker for his Community contributions throughout the years & suggested everyone pay a visit Town Hall to experience the positive atmosphere.

There were no other questions or comments.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Mayor Horne made a motion to Adjourn.
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Vote was unanimous
- Motion carries

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Lauren Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes from the Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioners February 13, 2024 regular board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, this the 12th day of March, 2024.

Lauren E. Smith

Lauren Smith, Town Clerk



Attest/Seal