

# **Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes March 12th, 2024**

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on March 12th, 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: Suzie Baker, Joshua Eing, Chelsea Murphy Reilly, Josh & Cierra Dunham, Daniel Hines, Jessica Goodman, Kevin Casey, Cole Baker & Tony Esposito.

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

## **Public Comments:**

Suzie Baker gave a Neighborhood Community Watch update; additional signs are available per Tony Esposito & the next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at Tower 110. The topic of the meeting will be Recognizing Signs of Human Trafficking. Suzie also suggested adding lights to the Town's water tower.

Joshua Eing & Chelsea Murphy Reilly then took the podium with updates on the progress of Pink Hill Recreation efforts; establishing a Recreation Board to manage monetary donations, repairs to the concession stand, bathrooms & ball fields, the Ribbon Cutting at the J. Melvin Jones Gymnasium on March 13th at 10:00 am, & a plan to add banners to the fields to help with future recreational funding.

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the February Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

**Approval of the Financial Reports:**

Mayor Horne advised the Board that Connie Huffman, the Town's Account says that financial reports are still incomplete and therefore not included in the binders for this month. Will hopefully be resolved after Tax Season. There was no further discussion.

**Department Reports:**

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates: The Town's ongoing contract with ONWASA, street cleaning efforts including a street sweeping contract in the works per Commissioner Fantini; Introduction of Jessica Goodman as the full time Water Clerk; updates on the park clean up ahead of the Easter Festival on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & finally, an update on the water meter reading issue with Beacon & the progress made to date to resolve water billing issues.
- Commissioner Murphy read PHVFD's call report since last meeting, which consisted of 25 total calls. She then shared a message from Fire Chief Brett Smith that vendor forms for the Fireman's Day Festival on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be available & can be paid at Town Hall, & that tickets are now available for the Golf Cart Giveaway taking place at the Festival.
- The monthly Police report for February was included in binders and read by Mayor Horne on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman. Commissioner Whitfield complimented the Department for lock-out services continuing to be provided to the Community. Mention was made by Chief Hoffman about possibly obtaining a military provided extrication vehicle to have on standby during emergency situations such as road closures caused by flooding from natural disasters.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Fantini asked about the status of Suzie Baker's flush meter situation & the Mayor advised he will have the Water Department make a visit to assess.

### **New Business:**

Commissioner Fantini stated that the upcoming DOT street paving of Broadway, Pine & Turner has a tentative start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>, but would likely begin sooner. DOT has advised that the Town may deviate from the current street marking pattern once paving is complete, with an option to add angled parking down both sides of Broadway.

Mayor Horne requested approval following the ECC Workshop held on February 27<sup>th</sup> to move Planning & Zoning Administration duties back to the Town, while continuing to partner with the ECC on an advisory basis. He requested making the Town Clerk the Planning & Zoning Administrator as she is at Town Hall full time.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Commissioner Murphy expressed reservation on the proposed Administrator responsibilities. Mayor Horne further explained how the requested changes would impact the roles that both the Town & it's partnership with the ECC would have moving forward.
- Vote 2-1
- Motion carries.

Secondly, the Mayor requested approval of the adoption of a Resolution accepting the 3 Capital Improvement Plan Grant Funding awards from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote was unanimous
- Motion carries

The Mayor then requested Board approval of the Local Government Program Records Schedule to be filed with the North Carolina State Archives.

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

Finally, Mayor Horne gave an update on the status of the Town's street lighting initiative. There have been 15 street lights repaired & additional LED lights have been

added, one for the Library parking lot & several for the park & basketball court. Commissioner Whitfield suggested the curfew on the sign at the park be updated now that additional lighting is available.

**Comments by BOC:**

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 March 12, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal

