

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes April 9th, 2024

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on April 9th, 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: Lori Bradford, Trina Patrick, Richard Goldsby, Catrina Kennedy, Rodney Scott, Josh & Cierra Dunham, Cody Murphy, Daniel Hines, Kristin Fantini & Tony Esposito.

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

Public Comments:

Tony Esposito addressed the Board by complimenting the efforts of the Festival Committee, Recreation Group & Community Watch Committee & spoke about the upcoming Community Cleanup event & the need act on existing ordinances as well for cleaning & beautification of the Town.

Richard Goldsby then took the podium to address upcoming Community Cleanup Efforts, & announced the Juneteenth Celebration at the gym on June 9th.

Next was Lori Bradford to announce a free community scanning event to be held at the Library on April 20th from 10-2.

Finally, Trina Patrick gave an update on fundraising by the Pink Hill Village Committee for the installation a historical marker for the Pink Hill Colored School to be unveiled on September 29th.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the March Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- 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: Opening for Public Works Assistant following the departure of Kevin. Both the Mayor & Cody were sworn onto the NRWASA Board on March 28th. Cody is training to take on water testing responsibilities. Upcoming drinking water Federal mandates.
- Commissioner Murphy read PHVFD's call report since last meeting, which consisted of 18 total calls.
- The monthly Police report for February was included in binders and read by Mayor Horne on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mayor Horne introduced prospective Town Attorney Anna Herring with Burrows & Hall, PA, and she approached the Board to express her interest and disclose the cost of her legal services. The Mayor then requested a motion to retain her as Town Attorney.

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

The Mayor then requested Board approval of a text amendment to the existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance allowing homeowners to purchase flood insurance.

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

Next, A Lease Agreement with Eastern Carolina Broadband was proposed by Rodney Scott to install antennas on the Pink Hill Water Tower to provide increased internet access, including internet access to the Water Plant at no cost to the Town.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to accept the proposal
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Commissioner Murphy opened discussion to address differences in the proposed contract compared to existing Beulaville & Duplin Co. Lease Agreements. The issues were further explained by Mr. Scott, revisions were discussed and Commissioner Fantini Amended his motion to accept the proposal with the revisions. Comm. Whitfield again seconded the motion.
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries

The Mayor then presented a recommendation by the Adams Company to award a 3rd CDBG Contract for 106 E. Walnut & request a motion to accept the bid.

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

The Mayor requested approval of an award of Engineering Services following advertisement for the Water & Sewer Capital Improvement plan projects.

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

Finally, the Mayor gave an update for the upcoming **Community Cleanup Event** for the Pineview & Old Craft area. *Suzie Baker* asked if we were planning on holding more events & Mr. Esposito suggested cleaning the playground equipment.

The discussion then turned to suggested names for the park & the addition of power poles to the for future events. Mrs. Dunham asked if there are any regulations for the upkeep of the CDBG housing recipients including tax responsibilities & Comm. Fantini & Mrs. Herring explained some of the stipulations placed on the recipients.

Commissioner Whitfield complimented the Festival Committee on a successful Easter Eggstravaganza & Easter after Dark events, & reminded everyone of the upcoming Fireman's Day, & Steak Cookoff for the Charlotte Baker Foundation.

Mrs. Kennedy, the new editor of the Recreation Department FaceBook page, gave updates on the upcoming Softball Tournament & Concession Stand dedication. Mr. Hines inquired about the Logistics/Road Closures for that day, & there was discussion to close between Turner & Front Street, & between Macon & Broadway.

Comments by BOC:

There were no other questions or comments.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Mayor Horne made a motion to Adjourn.
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- 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 April 9, 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 14th day of May, 2024.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal