

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025

This month's Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on August 12th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Brandon Marshburn, Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney Anna Herring, 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.

Visitors present were: Suzie Baker, Tony Esposito, Richard Goldsby, Trina Patrick, Roddy Howard and Mona Lisa Jones.

Mayor Horne referenced meeting protocol & the conflict-of-interest statement.

Public Comments:

Suzie Baker began with Pink Hill Parade Committee updates. A request had been submitted for the Marine Corp Band, and requests for additional local government representatives & high school bands with also be made.

Next was Tony Esposito with Neighborhood Watch updates. The next meeting will be held on August 19th at Tower 110 at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Pastor Justin Barnett speaking on the topic of Addiction.

Richard Goldsby then spoke about the Community Connections program that meets every 3rd Monday at Two Dogs Pizza at 6pm. He announced the upcoming Spanish Heritage Festival to be held on October 5th at 3 in the Pink Hill Gym.

Finally, Lori Bradford with the Pink Hill Public Library expressed appreciation for the Town's repair of the Library's back door & shelter addition, & for the Community's support in the recent Back-to-School Bash & requested a road closure from 4-8:30 for the upcoming Friday, October 31st Trunk-or-Treat event.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion for the road closure
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the August agenda

- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous; motion carries

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Marshburn made a motion to approve the July minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Financial Reports:

The Clerk noted that Financial Reports were up to date with the exception of the Water Fund, with the prior month's report being included in binders.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates including the status of the Capital Improvement Projects, & potential CDBG grants to assist with upcoming water meter replacements & proposed Jones Avenue Park improvements.
- The Monthly Fire Report was included in binders and read by Commissioner Murphy.
- The Monthly Police Report was included in binders & read by Commissioner Whitfield.

Old Business:

Questions were raised about the Food Truck Ordinance on the Agenda for approval, & the Board ultimately decided to table until further adjustments are made.

New Business:

First, Mayor Horne requested a Resolution by the Board to accept the Lenoir County FY 24-25 annual Property Tax Settlement.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous; motion carries

The Mayor then proposed reestablishment of the currently inactive Planning Board along with text amendments simplifying existing requirements. Attorney Herring advised that the existing members must reconvene & follow public hearing protocol to make recommendations on any proposed text amendments to the existing Ordinance. Mayor Horne requested a motion to reestablish the Planning Board with members Roddy Howard, Trina Patrick, and Lisa Jones.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Next, the Mayor proposed amending the Town's current nuisance ordinance to clarify violations & civil penalties to allow further enforcement. Attorney Herring advised she would review the current Unified Development Ordinance & draft the necessary text amendments to present at next month's meeting for discussion.

Finally, the Mayor requested the Board's approval to allowing the Town to join the N.C. Capital Management Trust, a government security-backed money market account offering a competitive rate of return. Clerk Smith was able to provide additional information & answered questions posed members of the Board. Commissioner Whitfield motioned to grant the Clerk authority to establish accounts mirroring the Town's current savings accounts.

- Commissioner Marshburn seconded the motion
- Vote was unanimous, motion carries

Comments by BOC: Commissioner Whitfield reminded everyone to keep teachers, and students in prayer as the new school year will begin before the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to Adjourn
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 3-0; 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 August 12, 2025 regular board meeting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, this the 9th day of September, 2025.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal