

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025

This month's Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on September 9th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Brandon Marshburn, Commissioner Michael Whitfeld, 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 & led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were: Joe Baker, Trina Patrick, Tony Esposito, Josh Eing & Robin King.

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

Public Comments:

Joe Baker began by announcing the annual Charlotte Baker Memorial Walk-a-thon, Silent Auction, BBQ Cook-off & Co-Ed Softball Tournament to be held September 26-28th. He also requested the Closure of W. Walnut St. that Saturday from 8-4.

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

Next, Trina Patrick approached the Board with a suggestion to name the new park on Jones Avenue in honor of Marion Lee Mitchell, Sr.

Mayor Horne then requested a motion to open the first of two Public Hearings to gather community input regarding the Town's interest in applying for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant- Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

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

The Public Hearing was presented by Josh Outlaw with the Adam's Company. Details on the scope of the grant were provided:

- Of the approximately \$12 million in funding, the maximum that can be requested is \$950,000.

- Eligible activities include housing, infrastructure related to housing & public facilities, & requests must meet 1 of 3 national objectives: Benefit low-moderate income (LMI) individuals, prevent/eliminate slums or blight &/or meet other urgent needs such as storm or other disaster related events.
- Homes must be LMI owner occupied real property which can include either rehabilitation of housing or demo/ rebuild.

Following a question & answer session, the Mayor announced that a 2nd Public Hearing would take place at the October Board Meeting prior to submitting the application due October 29th. He then requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the September agenda
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous; motion carries

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the August 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 DEQ grant application to assist with upcoming water meter replacements & drainage issues uncovered on Carol Drive that are being addressed.
- There was no Monthly Fire Report provided as of the meeting date.
- The Monthly Police Report was included in binders & read by Commissioner Whitfield.

Old Business:

The Clerk provided the Lenoir County Tax Settlement that was approved but not signed by the Board at the August Meeting.

New Business:

First, Mayor Horne requested a Resolution by the Board to apply for NCDEQ-DWI funding for the Town's water meter replacement need.

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

The Mayor then provided a Planning Board update as part of the Town's next step in adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Comments by BOC: None

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 September 9, 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 14th day of October, 2025.



Lauren Smith, Clerk to the Board

Attest/Seal

