

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2024

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on October 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Pete Fantini, 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: Tony Esposito, Trina Patrick, Richard Goldsby, Melissa Gallegos, Richard Hayes, Kristin Fantini, Marion Mitchell Jr., Willie Dixon & Rusty Thompson.

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

Public Comments:

Tony Esposito began with Neighborhood Watch updates. In Lieu of the normal monthly meeting, there will be an information table set up at the Library's Trunk-or-Treat Event.

Next, Trina Patrick thanked all involved in making the Pink Hill Village Committee's Smith Chapel's 100 year & one room Colored School's 80 year Celebration a success.

Richard Goldsby then thanked the Town for helping make the Community Connection Hispanic Heritage Event a great success.

Rusty Thompson next presented the NCDOT proposed all-way-stop at the intersection of NC11 & Pine & fielded the onslaught of questions & concerns that subsequently followed.

Finally, Kristin Fantini with the Pink Hill Festival Committee inquired about the status of the addition of a power pole, water line & parking area to the Jones Avenue Park ahead of the Christmas Festival on December 7 & the Mayor advised it would be ready before then.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the October agenda
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Vote 3-0; Motion Carries

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the September Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote was unanimous

Financial Reports: In Binders**Department Reports:**

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates including a meeting between the Water Department & Neuse Regional WASA about water quality, the sale of unused Town equipment, & a resolution to the compensatory time issue.
- The Monthly Fire Report was included in binders & ready by Comm. Murphy.
- The Monthly Police Report for September was included in binders & read by Commissioner Whitfield on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman

Old Business:

Mayor Horne gave Streamflow Rehabilitation & Stormwater Drainage Grant updates following the latest meeting with Stroud Engineering.

New Business:

Mayor Horne requested a motion to adopt ARPA policies needed ahead of the adoption of an amended ARPA grant project ordinance reallocating expenditures that were previously reported incorrectly.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Commissioner Whitfield inquired that if in the unfortunate event there were to be another pandemic in the future, would the aforementioned policies prevent the same issues from reoccurring. The Clerk confirmed that they indeed should.
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Comments by BOC:

Commissioner Whitfield encouraged everyone to keep the victims of hurricanes Helene & Milton in their thoughts & prayers. He also commended the Pink Hill Library's

Community efforts & announced that while Southern Pharmacy Services has now gone public, they have continued to be a prominent employer for the Pink Hill Community.

Mayor Horne gave updates on Community Cleanup efforts including utilizing the availability of the Fire Department to conduct training burns

Motion to Adjourn:

- Commissioner Whitfield 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 October 8, 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 November, 2024.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal

