

August 10, 2021

Town Board Meeting

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on August 10, 2021 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Mike Hill, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, Chief Tony Heath, Town Clerk Crystal Heath, Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy and Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson.

Not present for the meeting was Mayor Carol Sykes, she was in the hospital.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Mike Hill said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the August 10, 2021 meeting. I would like to ask everyone to please turn your cell phones off. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill asked everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said I need the approval of the agenda, amendments, and the minutes. Commissioner Quinn said I make a motion to approve the agenda, any amendments, the consent agenda, and the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill asked if there was any discussion on having a Christmas parade this year. Commissioner Quinn made a motion for the Christmas parade for Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye, motion carried unanimously. If it is to change later on this year it will be discussed.

The next item on the agenda was the annual 2021 fiscal tax for Lenoir County. Town Clerk, Ms. Heath, explained what the paperwork was for the town. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to accept the tax collection for 2021. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Hill said any discussion, all in favor say “aye, motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the fire department report that was provided by Chief Tony Heath. Chief Heath said the last report since our last meeting June 13. There were ten EMS assignments, two vehicle accident, four structural fires, two electrical fires, one brush fire for a total of 19 calls. The EMS rescue grant has opened up the first of this month, there is some items on there that we are going to be applying for. We just applied in the spring for the state fire grant and we were awarded that. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill thanked him and the fire department.

The next item on the agenda was the police report provided by Chief Michael Hoffman. Chief Hoffman said you have our calls for our last month and you will see an increase in suspicious vehicles and larceny's. We are on top of it and are investigating one right now. Other than that the domestic has stayed down and started working on more traffic trying to slow everyone down. The update on our signs we have not received confirmation yet on the speed limit signs we ordered, but I have all ideas we will see a dramatic increase in infractions. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill thanked him and his department for what they do.

The next item on the agenda was the water/sewer report provided by Timmy Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy said the four inches of rain we had Saturday night caused a lot of flooding me and the guys were out putting up the barricades. The headwalls at Park Circle Court, right at the end, and the one at Edwards Avenue there has been some washing going on. We have it on our schedule to do a little more on it. My idea is put more cement pad over there and I have called Benny Tyndall to give me a price. When I called him this afternoon to see if he had everything together he did not have it yet. Before the last meeting I would like to go ahead and hire him. If you rather I get the bids and get them to you first. I did call somebody else, but they never showed. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said what you could do is have a special meeting on the bids. Attorney Jenkins said you have to give enough notice, the public has to have the right to come. Mr. Kennedy said I asked him to give me a round figure he did not want to do that without putting anything down. I asked him would it be less than \$5,000 and he said for sure that would be very high to do both jobs. I am just throwing that out there if it makes a difference. Commissioner Murphy said I would like to make a motion to approve the \$5,000 to repair the issues in Park Circle. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kennedy said he would like to go into closed session to discuss a work related issue. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye, motion carried unanimously.

The board went into closed session at 7:11 pm. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:22 pm. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill asked if Attorney George Jenkins had any comments he was just happy to be there and hoped Mayor Carol Sykes got better. Commissioner Murphy said I do want to comment for an issue that my neighbors have. That ditch right by Juniors it is all grown, well I think they said something and Carol said it did not belong to the town. Mr. Jenkins said this is just the deed does not convey the land. Commissioner Murphy but what does it do? Mr. Jenkins said it gives the town the right to go across and upon the property. Commissioner Murphy said they, neighbors, were saying the town would basically keep it maintained. I'm not arguing yay or nay just trying to get the message out there. Mr. Jenkins said basically when the town accepted this they agreed to maintain the storm drainage in that ditch. I guess cleaning it out would be included in that. Commissioner Murphy said it is a mess. Mr. Jenkins said well it gets to be a mess about every two years. Mr. Kennedy said it is in between two properties. Mr. Jenkins said but for this document the town would have no obligation. Carol was not the Mayor at the time she just notarized. Mr. Kennedy said correct me if I am wrong but were just giving us the legal right to go across their properties to do what we did at that time. Mr. Jenkins said it does, but taking on the responsibility of making sure the water drains. Mr. Kennedy said what you would like for me to do. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said if it says we are supposed to maintain it I reckon it has to be cleaned out. Mr. Kennedy said how would you go about it, it would be a major undertaking. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said I say try to spray it all the weeds out with something that is safe for the environment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill asked Attorney Jenkins how much trouble to change a name on a main street. Mr. Jenkins said probably what you have to do to change an ordinance. Give notice to the public, post it on newspaper and door, and suggest passing it as an ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said the reason I am asking is because we have a man here in town who is a war hero. He is been awarded by France with the highest merit they had Mr. John Worthington. I would love to name a street after him. Before the next meeting if you all will, I would like for you to think of a street to name after him. We could name the street by his house to Earl Howard Rd change that. We will think about that one. Both Commissioners said that would be a great idea. Commissioner Quinn said I make a motion to take Park Circle through Earl Howard Road and call it Worthington Place. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Typed by Diana Rodriguez, Assistant Town Clerk

Approved by Crystal Heath, Town Clerk