Town Board Meeting

December 8, 2020

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on December 8th, 2020 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were Mayor Carol Sykes, Commissioner Mike Hill, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, PHVFD Chief Tony Heath, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, and Town Clerk Crystal Heath.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the December 8th, 2020 meeting. I would like to ask everyone to please turn your cell phones off. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Mike Hill to lead everyone in saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sykes said I need approval of the agenda, amendments, and consent agenda. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the agenda, amendments, and the consent agenda, and the 2020-20201 line item budget amendment request general fund 12/08/2020 general fund revenue increase miscellaneous revenue $8,292.46 credit, general fund expense increase amendment capital outlay $4,000 debit, admin building and grounds maintenance $1,200 debit, administration office supplies $3,092.46 debit, to recognize $8,292.46 COVID Relief Funds the above budget amendment was passed by the board December 8, 2020. Commissioner Penny Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked for the fire report. Chief Tony Heath said as you can tell with the pandemic that is going on our call volume is down. Which is will take some of our upcoming grant, but less concerned with grant applications then we are more concerned with the public health and public safety. Thank you for your support last month even though I wasn't here the support you give to the fire department makes a great difference. Commissioner Hill said we just thank y'all and Mayor Sykes said thank you.

Mayor Sykes asked for the police report from Chief Hoffman. Chief Hoffman said it's basically the same except for the fact that our business checks are going up. We are trying to escort a little bit more. We did have a call last night where in Kinston two dollar stores were arm robbed at the same time. I have put our guys on alert here to make sure they hung out and monitored the stores. Half of them have cameras and half of them don't. Other than that the shoplifting we are trying to make a big effort in decreasing it as well keep our drug zone patrolled, keeping escorts met, and trying to keep everybody happy. Mayor Sykes I think everybody is I haven't had any complaints not sure if anybody else here does. Commissioner Murphy said my neighbor wanted me to mention while I was here tonight that, especially since we had that robbery, said they seen two people were running off in our neighborhood just kind of loitering. Chief Hoffman said please let us know if you see anybody that is not supposed to be there just call us. If you're calling us we can respond and I.D them if something happens later that is missing we have somewhere to look other than that—Commissioner Murphy said I know that wasn't a very good description. Commissioner Murphy said I was also wondering now that I can see those speed limit signs do you have any idea when we might one about the children?

Chief Hoffman said the children at play as soon as we can. Commissioner Murphy thanked Chief Hoffman.

Mayor Sykes asked for Timmy Kennedy to provide the water report. Timmy Kennedy said we have a bid for the broke sewer line right here I've asked for a budget amendment. The sewer line is broke from College Street and Front Street down. It has a hole in it and we done it by camera and its somewhere around 8 foot deep. I had to call a contractor to go to go that deep. That is the bid that I go and I want an okay for that. Mayor Sykes said is the--Town Clerk Crystal Heath said that is the line item transfer we did. Mayor Sykes said is this the 66.50—Timmy Kennedy said that was just a transfer. Town Clerk said you just wanted that to be in there you told me to show them remember? Mr. Kennedy said yes ma'am. Ms. Heath said if you look at the second page it tells you the water fund, sewer fund expense transfer to $7,000 and he will be good for the rest of the year with regular expenses unless something comes up. Mr. Kennedy said I do know that I have another motor that is already in the shop other ones that the old plant went bad we took apart and put the spare in there and we still have on being worked on, so we don't have a spare in our shop right now. So I know that bill is coming and it will between I don't know a few thousand dollars. Do we need to go into closed session for contract or just speak? This is a contract for the tank maintenance and I have just a whole bunch I want to talk about. Mayor Sykes said are we supposed to I don't know he asked me that—Mr. Kennedy said I am asking. Attorney Jenkins said I am trying to think why we would are there two different is it one person one company contract? Mr. Kennedy said there is three companies that put a bid in tank maintenance and I was just going to be talking about their differences. Attorney Jenkins said if you are going to that then yeah I think it should be closed session. Mr. Kennedy said the differences I saw in the contracts so that we can make a reasonable decision. Attorney Jenkins again said yeah I think it should be a closed session. Mayor Sykes said we need a motion for a closed session. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion for closed session to discuss contract on tank maintenance. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

The board came back from its closed session.

Mayor Sykes said if Attorney Jenkins had anything else to say. Mr. Jenkins said very briefly I missed the last meeting because COVID-19 had gotten a hold of me and was out two weeks. I appreciate the calls, prayers, and calls that I got from ya'll thank you. Mayor Sykes said I am glad that you are back and well. Mr. Jenkins said well I am getting there. Mayor Sykes said alright anybody else have anything. Commissioner Hill said just proud to be here and I had mentioned something to Crystal about hopefully that mess will be over in the beginning sometime next year by Easter and we will have our party our Christmas party somewhere around Easter. We have not forgot ya'll. Mayor Sykes said no we have not, this is our last meeting hopefully this year and I appreciate ya'll and everything you have done. Mayor Sykes said does anybody else have something to say. I adjourn this meeting.

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Approved by Town Clerk Crystal Heath