Town Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on January 12, 2021 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, Fire Department Chief Tony Heath, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, and Town Clerk Crystal Heath. Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy was not able to be present for the meeting.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the January 12, 2021 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, amendment, consent agenda, and the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor of the motion say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked Chief Heath for the fire report. Chief Heath said my report is there for you to look at. I don't have anything else that could be important. Per the report calls since last meeting December 12, 2020 thru today, no EMS assignments, no vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, no electrical fires, 2 fire alarms, no brush fires, and 1 service assignment, department still not partaking in any EMS assignments because of the COVID19 precautions. Making that a total of 5 calls. Mayor Sykes thanked the department for what they were doing.

Mayor Sykes asked for Chief Hoffman to provide his report. Chief Hoffman said you also have our call report. Our larceny has gone down just a little bit so did our noise complaint everybody is vacationing having a blast. Other than that nothing has changed except for the fact of the wanted subject that we did apprehend for the United States Marshalls office. The wanted subject was out of Carol County, Maryland that was wanted by the Marshalls office out of Maryland, Florida, and North Carolina. We got a tip that he could possibly be found here and got him apprehended. They were extremely pleased with us and I think they said they had been looking for him for two years. They were kind of shocked that a little town like Pink Hill could do this. It was awesome to have the U.S Marshalls who does this for a living to recognize us was neat. Attorney Jenkins said what was he was charged with in those three states? Chief Hoffman said assault to inflict serious injury with intent to kill, beating three women up, along with numerous drug convictions, he was wanted for assault and murder out of Carol County. Mr. Jenkins said these are state charges the U.S Marshalls is going into it because he skipped line? Chief Hoffman said no he was actually wanted because he had a murder out of Carol County. Florida is where he assaulted the women and hospitalized them then he fled here. Mr. Jenkins said but they were all state offenses none were federal charges? Chief Hoffman said no. So they found the location where he was at in Carol County and he was hiding in the house he videoed the Marshalls office searching the house for him. We got him down here running in the trailer parks and apprehended him. The commissioner and the Mayor thanked Chief Hoffman for his

service. Commissioner Murphy said did anybody get a chance to investigate about my dog? Chief Hoffman said so we contacted 801 and 801 has advised us that 99.9 percent sure that they come from Duplin County the little house just beside Duplin County. I'm waiting now on Duplin County animal patrol to contact me back because I want it duly noted that they are to adhere to a leash law when coming into our county. We have made several attempts ourselves to contact them about having their dog on a leash, but we have not been able to contact them. When Jenny contacted me about there was nothing they can do I asked her why she stated because they reside outside the Lenoir County limits there is nothing they can do. Mayor Sykes said I didn't realize that if it happen in Lenoir County I thought they would take care of it. Chief Hoffman said I guess the standpoint is if she can come back in we can do a report, but we cannot cross county lines. Mayor Sykes said I can understand that, but they coming here in Lenoir County she could do something, is Duplin County going to come into Lenoir County and do it? Chief Hoffman said the animal owner lives in Duplin County they are going to go out on their end and make sure the dogs are up to date with their shots if they don't they will secure the animals. Commissioner Murphy said well I don't think whether or not he had his shots would have helped get him that day. Chief Hoffman said I know that where it all falls back to whether or not he's had his shots the fact that he is vicious. If you can't control your animal, you cannot have them.

Mayor Sykes asked Phillip Swinson to provide the water report. Mr. Swinson said the Central Avenue and the Lynwood Avenue projects should be done just have to do little things and that would be a done deal. I think it turned out to be a greater job then what it was started out to be even though there was a hiccup on the way and took three or four weeks. Mayor Sykes said yes it looks good. Mr. Swinson said everything seems to be going pretty good around town only issue we got is a dead tree at Moss Hill Lift Station and that needs taken down. We need to take down that one and a live one when they fall from tearing up the lift station. The pine tree is probably 36 inches from the stump when it falls it will sling all on the lift station. Mayor Sykes said could you do it down I mean do you have to get the stump out too? Mr. Swinson said no the stump there is going to just take the tree down, it is going to be somewhere around $2000 for them to do that. It is going to save everybody a bunch of money in the long run I don't know if it is in the budget or not, but it has to come down. Mayor Sykes said well it's in the budget right now it has to come down. Mr. Swinson said that would be my suggesting to take it down now. That was the bid that he had right now $2000, but I don't have it on top of my head. Mayor Sykes thanked Phillip Swinson.

Mayor Sykes asked if Attorney George Jenkins had anything to comment on. Mr. Jenkins stated he did not have anything. Mayor Sykes said anybody else have anything does the board have anything? No one in the board commented anything. Mayor Sykes said I just mentioned to you that Marion Mitchell died he had been on the town board and I talked to Crystal we need to do something. I was going to do flowers, but he was buried in Kinston so we wrote a $50 dollar check and sent to the church, because he had been on the board and has been here for so long and I thought that was the right thing to do. Commissioner Quinn said he has been here all his life. Mayor Sykes said yeah, but I just wanted to let you know that I did that. Mayor Sykes said if there is nothing else I declare this meeting

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