

Town of Pink Hill Board Meeting

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The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting was 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, 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 June 9th, 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 we have a line item transfer. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed and consent agenda with the regular board meeting minutes from May 2020. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the consent agenda for last month's meeting, special meeting, and any amendments, and line item. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked if there was any discussion on that motion. No motions made. Mayor Sykes said okay, all in favor say "aye". Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked for Phillip to provide the Fire Department report. Phillip said that since the last meeting, May 12th, there have been 0 EMS assignments, as EMS assignments are still suspended due to COVID; 3 vehicle accidents, and 3 structural fires. The total assignments were 6 calls last month. Mr. Randy Byrd asked Mayor Sykes if he could address something regarding the fire department. Mr. Byrd stated that the leak in the Fire Department in the women's bathroom, where it soaked about 3 feet, was found. Timmy Kennedy cut the water off, the insurance was called about it. A plumber came and fixed the issue. The insurance adjuster came about a month ago, and Mr. Byrd along with Jake were out there when he came to inspect. Mr. Byrd said that the adjuster got back to them 4 weeks later. The adjuster got back to them and the insurance is saying the leak is older than fourteen days and the insurance is not going to pay for anything. Mr. Byrd stated that the Fire Department has more the \$7,000 worth of damage. Mayor Sykes stated she would like to talk to the Clint or Tammy at Kornegay Insurance first. Mr. Byrd stated that the insurance would not pay for the damages because it's more than 14 days old and they call it neglect. Mr. Byrd stated that Chief Tony Heath called the adjuster and informed the adjuster that it is a commercial building, with COVID 19, they were only there 1 time a week or once every two weeks, but not like they should have been. Mr. Byrd stated that the adjuster told them he suggested they go through the building once a week and check each room to make sure all is working properly. Mr. Byrd is stating the adjuster claims the reason is because how much the water has rose up on the wall; he thinks it could have been spraying on

the wall he is unsure. Mayor Sykes said again, let me talk to Clint or Tammy and see if there is anything that they can do about this claim. Mr. Byrd recommends to change insurance companies if they aren't going to do anything to help with the water damage because it is not right he said. Mayor Sykes said she wasn't going to change insurance companies, let me go out to Kornegay Insurance in the morning and see what I can find out.

Mayor Sykes asked Chief Michael Hoffman to provide the police report. Chief Hoffman stated that report is not showing the totals accurate as they respond to more, but the item category is not listed in the system. He first addressed that they located and arrested a parole violator and the parole board was involved. The police department, also with the help of the fire department, located a stolen trailer within thirty minutes. The property owner has the property back and an arrest was made. Chief Hoffman stated that their totals are still rising, especially larceny and noise complaints, they are doing the best they can. He stated that they have a decrease in the assistance from Lenoir and Duplin County even though they are short staffed, but the assistance given has increased. Mayor Sykes thanked Chief Hoffman for the report.

Mayor Sykes asked for Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy to provide the water report. Timmy stated that the repair charge, man hole, and sewer line have been completed and the bill has been paid. Timmy stated they can see a difference in the plant as to how much water is being taken in. Timmy stated that the bids for the coverts paperwork has been turned in and he has not heard anything as far as when they will begin. The surveyors have been working in the Deep Run area getting all they need for the grant that the town accepted at the last meeting on GIS Asset Management Plan. Timmy stated they are also gaining a new customer on Smith Grady Road and is happy about that. Timmy said that the Curtain Baffle job that he has been talking about has been scheduled to start next Tuesday and hopes they finish before the fiscal year in order for it to be on this year's budget and not next years. Timmy stated they have two-ton truck bids. Mayor Sykes said we will get to that in a minute, but what about the curtains have you decided how you are going to get rid of them? Timmy said he talked with the fellow who he scheduled, and the guy said they usually get a roll off and put it in the trash dumpster. Timmy said Crystal Heath is already looking into getting a roll off in the shop for us to have in there, the pricing will be sent to Crystal. Timmy stated that one of the bids is from Freddy Davis at \$2,200, and the other one is from Jerry Boyette at \$1,500. Mayor Sykes asked if they wanted to wait a little longer. Timmy stated that he has gotten several calls, but there have been only two bids. Timmy stated that the \$2,200 bid is fair. Timmy stated that other than the repairs they have done they probably have about \$3,000 in it. It costs about \$2,500 to get the bed put on which was previously donated by Mr. Donald. They have done about \$2,800 worth of work in the last five or six years that they have had it. Commissioner Hill said he made a motion to sell the truck to Freddy Davis for \$2,200 as is. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion? No discussion so all in favor say "aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said she needed a motion on the resolution draft to make sure that there is no special voting on it, and get rid of it. Attorney George Jenkins stated that he wanted to add that when the motion is made it include eliminate paragraphs 4 and 6. Commissioner Hill said he

makes a motion to approve the resolution with the exception of paragraphs 4 through 6 to stop one stop voting and absentee voting for the Town of Pink Hill. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked if there was any discussion, all in favor say “aye”, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said the budget that we discussed and that we have had a budget workshop for, everyone should have a copy of it. She said nothing has been changed in the proposed budget that we all went through together, I need a motion to accept it or reject it. Commissioner Hill said he makes a motion to accept the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Mayor Sykes said at the workshop we did, you are well aware of the workshop this time, Commissioner Quinn said I was there, Mayor Sykes said I know you were but I just wanted to make sure you were remembering we had a workshop because it was said we didn't have one last year and that you didn't remember having one, but we did. Commissioner Quinn says I am aware of the workshop we just had. Mayor Sykes said so everybody is in favor. Commissioner Hill said he makes a motion to approve the budget as it has been presented to all department heads and the board. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion? No one had a discussion, so Mayor Sykes said all in favor say “aye”, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes asked if Attorney George Jenkins had any remarks. Mr. Jenkins said that on the resolution he will get Town Clerk, Crystal Heath, a clean copy within the next couple of days. Mayor Sykes asked to also send one to Mr. White as well. Mr. Jenkins stated he would also hand deliver a copy to the county attorney in their meeting tomorrow. Mayor Sykes said will you also deliver one to the county manager because he knows about it too. Mr. Jenkins said he would give him a copy too.

Commissioner Hill asked if line item stance needed a motion. Mayor Sykes said the line item she thought he added that in the motion. Town Clerk Crystal Heath said he did because she wrote it down. Ms. Heath said to Commissioner Murphy the transfer paper is in your book and stapled together. Mayor Sykes said any comments by the board, public comments, no closed session unless anyone has something to say. Commissioner Hill said he had nothing to say. Timmy said he had something to say. He said he did hire Stroud Engineering to come and do the points at the sewer plant so they would know where they are, and they have begun but haven't finished. Mayor Sykes said is that where they were wrong in the survey? Timmy said I am pretty sure that some of the points that were surveyed by others were wrong. Mayor Sykes said well good maybe we can get it straightened out. Mayor Sykes said I now at this time declare this meeting adjourned, thank you all for coming.

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