Town Board Meeting

October 13, 2020

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on October 13, 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, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, and Town Clerk Crystal Heath.

Visitors present were Alex Shelton, Sheldon Shelton, Raye Hart, and Jennifer Murphy.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the October 13, 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 a motion for the approval of the agenda, amendments if needed, and consent agenda. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the agenda, amendments, consent agenda, and the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor of the motion say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said we have some representatives from American Tank I am going to let Timmy introduce them and then introduce ourselves. Timmy said we have Sheldon and Alex and we met with Alex and he is the one that came and climbed the tanks. They were trying to pretty much give us the same service agreement that we had now, but maybe even better. So I am going to let them give you a history and go from there. Mayor Sykes said well this is our Town Clerk Crystal, George Jenkins, I am Carol, and this is Mike, James, and Penny. Mr. Sheldon Shelton introduced himself to the board. He said I am one of the owners of American Tank Maintenance and this is my younger brother Alex Sheldon. Alex came back a couple months ago and climbed the two tanks and I understand you all are under a service agreement now with a company called SUEZ. Just to give you guys a little backstory I used to be with them. My grandfather founded that company back in 1963. Just so you guys can understand where we come from and how we got here. He founded it in 1963 and retired in 1999. He sold it to my father and to another gentleman named Carl Cummings in 1999. In 2000 my father passed away, and when he passed away I was only 23 years old I didn't have any ownership of the company yet. Basically Carl took over the company at that point. Another 8 years lapsed and in 2008 he sold it to a French company called SUEZ. That is who you are with now, and they just to make a long story short they had about a three year agreement in place where they couldn't change their management team, structure, our authority level, or anything like that. I was a senior of VP sales and on their executive committee, after the three years was up they started making a lot of changes. It is a normal example of mass conglomerate combined with a family owned company and turning it upside down honestly. I stayed through 2012, I left the company that my family created and that I had been with my whole life. I just did not like the vision that they had, they put a French guy in above me, and started making a lot of decisions we didn't agree with. They didn't listen to us and about 85% of the management team left. We started a new company American Tank at the end of 2013, I had a year of non-compete had to sit out for a year. Now it has been seven years

and we have about 800 customers under our belt now. We never had a customer cancel because we take pride in taking care of our customers. A couple of things we did when we started over we saw some things that they could minimize cost on. We truly tried to streamline our cost aside so we can past it on to you guys. We have seen on average we save our customers anywhere between 15 and 20 percent on their maintenance program compared to what they are paying right now. I'd be glad to speak to those if you want to know on those, but there is several ways. Honestly when they came in they didn't want to live in a small town we were based on a little town called Perry, Georgia. They didn't want to live in a small town and wanted to move to Atlanta and they started our headquarters there paying about $200,000 in rent of course they did not need. Those are the kind of ways we cut some of that stuff out. We brought a proposal tonight to present to you guys from my understanding our proposal is $5,000 less what you're paying per year right now. That is to take over your tanks exact same contract that you have right now, but the only difference will be is lower cost. We feel there are three different areas we can help you one is lower cost, two is we give better communication to our customers we do an annual review where we sit down and explain what we did last year, talk about what we will do next year and you are not getting that currently, and last we can give you better service. To be honest with you we pay our crews a little bit more part of that streamline to keep our pricing down, well all their crews are calling us because we pay a little bit more. They have gone to decrease cost on operational side and cut their crews, so all their best crews left and came with us honestly. $5,000 a year typically on a water tank you are painting them about every 12 years so that is a complete paint cycle if you add that up over 12 years you will be looking at 60 grand on one complete paint cycle. Our inflation is less as well so we inflate our contract about 3% and they inflate theirs at 3.67% so there is another cost saving there. I feel like we can give you a better service. Are there any questions for us I was just laying out what we have done for the last four years? Mayor Sykes said when is the contract up with SUEZ? Timmy said we pay quarterly. Mayor Sykes said how can we end our contract with SUEZ? Mr. Sheldon Shelton said two things you need to send them a letter signed by three council members saying you basically cancel. I am very familiar with their contracts we have done this before we have taken about 600 of their customers so we are familiar with the process. You would have to send a cancellation letter letting them know that you are cancelling signed authorized by three officials and then we would set up our contract to be seamless whenever your payments stop with them we would start the next quarter. There would not be a big transition and you would never miss coverage. Mayor Sykes said I just wonder if there is any penalty if we still owe for another quarter, I mean we are under contract how many more quarters? Timmy said we in contract right now because she just paid until the first of the year. Town Clerk Crystal Heath said I just paid in July. Commissioner Hill said I think the contract states we can give written notice in 90 days, Ms. Crystal Heath said I can go look at the contract. Mayor Sykes said I can tell you what Scotty Wilkens is a good fellow he does a good job. Mr. Sheldon Shelton Scotty is a good guy, but it is about three levels above Scotty. He said do you guys have any questions for us? Commissioner Hill said could you might explain a little more to Penny and James because they are new on the board and had not been under this contract. Mr. Sheldon Shelton said it covers everything on the tank from the ground up, except like a natural disaster something we cannot control. Everything from the ground up is covered as far as the steel. We wash them out every two years when I say wash out we do a wash out inspection three crews come in and we pressure wash the inside of the tank out

and get the mud out sediment out. We try to keep them clean out every two years, but also inspect the tank while we are in there. Every year in between that we do what is called a visual inspection where one man comes and climbs and we can still see pretty well, but we do not drain the tanks. We can inspect everything, we can inspect the screens on top, screens on overflow, inspect your locks, make sure there has been no trespassers, inspect paint coating, and we have 5 different categories that we inspect every year. We send a report every year we inspect so when the state comes in they can see that you have made the regular maintenance done. You also get emergency services, like if someone shoots a hole in your tank a bullet hole or a leak that is covered, or if someone paints graffiti. There is no change orders you know exactly what you are going to pay it is great to budget for. There is also a warranty with it if for some reason if I come paint your tank and it fails within a year or two years it's on me not on you. Those are kind of the advantages and benefits of having a maintenance program on your tank to make sure you're more sanitary. Ms. Sheldon Shelton said does that explain it pretty well? The board said yes it does. Mr. Shelton asked how you guys feel about the proposal about us just in general. Commissioner Hill said I know we got the other contract and compare them it would probably best to look at them both and get back to you. Mayor Sykes said how long is this good for? Mr. Sheldon said the proposal? Mayor Sykes said yes, Mr. Sheldon responded I don't have a set time usually the end of the year we increase prices. Commissioner Hill said we can look at this and give us a copy of the other one and at our next meeting we can make a decision. Mr. Sheldon said sounds good if you have any questions in the meantime let us know. Thank you all for your time. Mayor Sykes and the Commissioners said thank you all so much we appreciate you coming.

Mayor Sykes said there was something we forgot to put on the agenda and it was for Jennifer so we amended the agenda. Jennifer please come forward. Jennifer Murphy said as COVID started in March and a mother of an eleven year old I have had to tell my son over and over no that has been cancelled. So we were talking about a lot of things that traditionally we done last year we started the trunk or treat. That was tremendous success we have over 500 children attend that doesn't count the adults. Last year that was sponsored by the library, this year the library does not want to sponsor it because of COVID issues. If they have it in Pink Hill they have to provide it in Kinston, Snow Hill, and everywhere else they are and that is not something they have capability to do it. Sheree I were chatting and we would like to propose a COVID friendly trunk or treat. There are many people who are still trying to trick or treat that is by the North Carolina Human services saying they do not want that there is lot less control when you're going to individuals homes versus a trunk or treat where you can put stipulations on it. For example if you're handing out candy you must wear masks, must wear gloves, it must be food that is packaged versus homemade treats. We know it's late but in all honestly I do not think Governor Cooper would open the state up by Halloween. Surprisingly they are allowing small percentage groups out there. We will not get the numbers we had last year. I had put out a poll out on Facebook and I already have approximately 40 families who would like to attend our trunk or treat in Pink Hill. We have three different proposals. Ideally we would like a walk through because children can be seen and it does not limit the children in town who don't have access to vehicles which are a lot of our poorer children. We would set up with the help of our fire department animal or monster footprints that would be spaced six feet. Each group would go

from footprint to footprint until they got to the cars. Each car would be spaced out further apart. They would receive their candy and then move on to the next footprint until they got to the next car. It would be a circular path back behind Broadway St., around Wellness Center, and the Methodist Church, and up those roads. We can space it out as far as we need to, to make it safe as possible. We can also do a drive through that does require more roads because cars take up a lot more space, we can do that one or two ways. We can just the straight drive thru which is the least popular way among us but if that is what we can get we get; or they can drive when they get to the trunk they can get their candy and go back. The children would not be allowed to reach into the candy the individuals with masked gloves will hand them out to each individual child to make it safer. We would limit the amount of people so that if they are in groups that are living together so that there would be no cross contamination. I do know that Shamrock does have some people that are going to trick or treat I have talked to some of patients that are going to offer that. We would like to offer an alternative that is much safer so kids could have some assemblance of Halloween. We took the fourth of July away from them, we've taken ball away, we've taken school away from them I would really like to provide safe for them. A lot of kids this is the only joy they have. If you talk to anyone who has a kid in school it's like prison to them they cannot play or interact. So I would like to propose something that is fun for our town we would be one of the few towns that are doing it. It is not sponsored by anyone nobody has to participate, it's only if you want to and you are assuming the risk for it. The only thing we need from the town is permission to use the roads. We also have help from the fire department to help monitor and we will have other parents as well, and the police department who has offered to help to keep it safe as possible. Commissioner Hill said what streets were you talking about? Ms. Murphy said it depends again on if its drive. I don't want to get the names wrong, but Pine, Walnut, and Central if we had to drive. We would start at the Presbyterian Church if we would have to drive go up to Macon, come down Pine, go up Walnut, and have them go out the fire department. If it is walking we don't need that much space because I know kids can't walk that much. It would be the same area which was Walnut, Pine, and Central. Commissioner Hill said okay the reason I asked is because any state road we cannot close. Ms. Murphy said right Carol and I talked about that we won't use Broadway at all. A lot of businesses would like to use Broadway because they like it front of their businesses, but we understand we will not cross Broadway. Commissioner Penny Murphy said now you said you're group that got this is putting this together prefers the walk through. Ms. Jennifer Murphy said ideally because we have so many kids who don't have parents who would drive them. We can't put them on a car like we put them in the past because we cannot mix kids. Ideally walking would be our favorite, plus kids would like to be seen in their costumes. We have done COVID now for so long people are used to following the rules does everybody no, but that is why we have people who will back us up and tell them to stay there. Commissioner Murphy said to go that route do you think you will have enough volunteers to help you keep the little pods of children where they belong? Ms. Murphy said I have a lot people said they would help now will they show up that is another question. Commissioner Murphy said do you think you will be able to? Ms. Murphy said I think we can with the fire department that is a lot of people and the wellness center also said. Ms. Murphy said we can also reach out the high schools and get volunteers. Again if it is a walk through it is a smaller area we need less volunteers, if it is a drive through we need more. Mayor Sykes said what is the time? Ms. Murphy said 6-8 what we consider regular trick or treating

hours. Commissioner Hill said so you're going to start the Presbyterian Church? Ms. Murphy said if it is drive through. Commissioner Hill said where are you going to start if it's walk? Ms. Murphy said if it is walk through we would probably start at Pine and go up to Walnut and over. Commissioner Hill said what I am just wondering if you can make acquire it to only be walk. Ms. Murphy said if it is walk it will only be walk you don't have the option of both because it would be too dangerous. Commissioner Hill said okay I'd rather say if you're going to do it do the walking. Ms. Murphy said that is our preference, but there are a few who are doing drive through so wanted to make that as an option. Walking is by far the best and the safest also the easiest crowd control. Chief Hoffman said if you're going to do any at all the drive through you're have the trunkers responsibility for accidents, if you're doing a drive up and the child gets out that's a no in my book because you open a possibly for a smaller child being struck. Chief Hoffman also said if we are going to do the walk through we can't close Broadway, but we have a ton of parking they can use on Broadway. That is my standpoint, but I hate to put y'all in it we need to draw up a policy. As far as trunkers knowing the distance between the kids and possibly stopping the children and waiting for someone else to come up. Explaining to them letting them be talking to them the entire time this is a way we can manage and work. When we come up with the policy make sure the trunkers get a copy of the policy so that they understand. Mayor Sykes said the policy maybe you and Jennifer need to get together and come up with the policy. Chief Hoffman said absolutely and Ms. Murphy said we can have it done tonight and give it to you tomorrow. Ms. Murphy said Kinston could not pull this off their too big, but the town size of Pink Hill we can pull it off and 99 percent of the people here are going to be compliant. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion that they can have the trunk or treat walk only with a set policy of how you're going to do it and do not go outside designated area. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said do we have any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Ms. Murphy said I'll have the policy ready and email it to Crystal. Mayor Sykes said thank you all for coming and sharing that with us.

Mayor Sykes said the next item on the agenda is the Christmas Parade. I am going to say it at the beginning I am against it, but I don't make the decision. It is going to be hard to get people to register, ride, not many floats, but anyway. Commissioner Murphy said I don't think it's going to get much better by the first of December. Mayor Sykes said well we need a motion if you do or don't have or not have it so we can get it in the minutes. Commissioner Hill said I'd hate not to do it, but I know for the safety of the older people. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to not have the Christmas Parade. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said now on to the Christmas party. Commissioner Hill said as big of a group as we are they are probably not going to let us in the restaurant. Mayor Sykes said that is what I was thinking too and am in agreement, but just whatever y'all want. Commissioner Hill said we invite all our wives and we just don't want nobody getting sick. Mayor Sykes said I just don't want to be around big crowds and I am one that needs to be careful. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to not have a Christmas party. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sykes said next is the fire report. Phillip Swinson said calls since last meeting which was September 8, 2020 through today. We had 0 EMS assignments, 3 vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, 1 electrical fire, 1 fire alarm, and 2 service assignments for a total of 9 calls. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked them for their jobs they do for the town. Commissioner Quinn asked if they were still selling tickets. Mr. Swinson said yes we are. Mayor Sykes said when that is again? Timmy Kennedy said November 14th tickets are twenty dollars and we did add one gun. Mayor Sykes said so you don't know what you're going to do yet as far as raffling them? Mr. Kennedy said we are going to have the raffle, the meal, and if anybody that is comfortable coming in with a mask or however they want to dress or seat we will accommodate. We will have to go bowls if you would like to get it to go. We will have set up where you can come in get a bowl and leave. That is the way we have it planned right now. Mayor Sykes said you will have distancing I guess. Mr. Swinson weather permitting they are going to open the bay doors on the back side and set tables up on the parking lot whatever they have to do to accommodate the crowd. Mr. Kennedy said we are going to try and distance as much as we can and anybody who is comfortable with that if you want to stay and you can stay or go through drive through and go home.

Mayor Sykes said alright Hoffman please provide the police report. Chief Hoffman said everybody has a list of the calls we did this last month. We did recover a stolen vehicle for Kinston Police Department Sunday night and has been returned to the owner. Our call volume has significantly increased from what it has been in the prior years no doubt related to the virus from people being home. We got several counties assisting and everything else not sure why that is the way it is. I am not sure if the county is short also. Our record reports and everything else are up to date and still focusing on those. We got our stats in. Commissioner Hill said I just have one thing to say we appreciate the job that you all do very much. Chief Hoffman said I don't know how it was before because I didn't attend but a few town board meetings, but I can tell you all it is a 24 hour day job. The hiring process—first of all this is Ralyn Hart she was a Deputy with the sheriff's office she has promoted herself to a probation and parole which is an asset for the department. She is no longer with the criminal justice department. She is enlightened to continue her certification which means she needs to be sworn in by a criminal justice department. Our department would like to retain her services she will be in the status as reserve which means she can come work for our department. She does not need to be field trained, she does trained on location she has some knowledge on Pink Hill but we can enlightened that for her. She has requested reserve status—Mayor Sykes said is that without pay? Chief Hoffman said absolutely she will be diligent on getting her applications in. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to hire Rayleen Hart as a reserve officer of the Pink Hill Police Department. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes said how are we coming along with the rest of them, are we ever going to get them? Chief Hoffman said so Cameron Green he is giving me his information, Deputy Rodriguez he's—I think one of the biggest issues we are having right now is that the sheriff's office is short and they are being requested to mandatory overtime and that is slowing us down some. It is like for this young lady if I ask her for something it's up to her whether or not she gives it to me. Once they sign the releases and everything I can do all the footwork, but if I need something from her she has to give it to me or else it stalls. The petitioner has to be

diligent about giving it to me. They have to give me the information I can't pull a record without her saying we can. I am not going to employ someone for the town that is going to be bad. Mayor Sykes said I understand that, but they have had plenty of time. Chief Hoffman said yeah nobody knows it but me we have to get someone. She is not going to be an issue if she was not employed by the Department of Probation I would gladly hire her here. Commissioner Hill said welcome aboard.

Mayor Sykes said Timmy please provide the water report. Timmy Kennedy said since our last meeting the Lynwood Avenue culvert that project is complete except for the asphalt to prepare and patch. They started bringing equipment in today I don't know of their plan I haven't talked to anybody. Central Avenue culvert, removing the water line, and renovation of the sewer line we still need to do a bac-t sample on the water line to be able to open it up. The asphalt work is schedule for Thursday or Friday of this week it was actually scheduled for tomorrow morning and I called this afternoon saying they would not be here tomorrow. The manhole replacement and the coating project that we were doing at Station 1 in Deep Run that has been completed. I have some pictures and I'll be glad to show them. This man hole we replaced it and we were planning on using this as a bypass during the process and it caved it so we couldn't use it. We had to get a bypass up in place in a hurry and get a new manhole in working order it all worked out. Commissioner Quinn said is that the one in Deep Run over on the right? Mr. Kennedy said yes right on Highway 11. Phillip Swinson said that one actually got two different coatings this time it got a proxy coating and a chemical coating to take care of that. Timmy Kennedy said I was going to say that we were the first ones to get that extra coating and it's chemical resistant. As far as the hydrogen sulfide gas that was eating those stations but maybe about four months we started adding a chemical in Station 2 which on John Green Smith Road and we did a test to see what the hydrogen sulfide gas levels were before we started and after. Anything over 20 points for me if you stay around it 10 minutes it is lethal to you and you start to get sick. A year ago whenever we did this our average was 32 parson which was lethal level, that's the average, we went to a high of 176. Last time after we started using these chemicals our average is 3 the max was only 37. The chemicals we are using are working; doing both I think we saved the plant. I don't have the bids in front of me; Town Clerk Crystal Heath said to the board it will be number 7. Timmy Kennedy said my department replaced the culvert over by Olds Mill Road and we had to cut across the road. We put rock back in it and we had not done any asphalt, and I was noticing and I was hoping to ask you guys in the last meeting to, about doing all of College Street all the way back out to Front Street. It looks really bad where the speed bump is and all that, they are going to leave the speed bump and paint it back and that is what the bid is for. They are going to go from Old Beulaville Road all the way out in Front Street. If you remember a few years back we did Jones Avenue and that little corner by the basketball court has been in bad shape for a number of years. Commissioner Hill said looking at the bids Garrison is the lowest. Mr. Kennedy said I only got two. I am trying to incorporate Legion because he is going to come back and do Central Avenue contractor while he was here hopefully eliminate a little bit of the price as far as moving the equipment and stuff, but anyway. We have used Garrison before—Mayor Sykes said who did Broadway what is Garrison? Timmy Kennedy said it was Garrison and Phillip Swinson said matter fact they've done the last ten pavements we had. Mayor Sykes said well they have done a good job. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to receive the bid

from Garrison. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, all in favor say "aye', motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kennedy said the only thing I would like to mention there were several references that he sent me whenever we had our meeting I called three and one called me today. One of them called me back and couldn't praise them enough, they just did some paint jobs and she praised them. Commissioner Quinn said what do you think about them? I am waiting for some more to call back and make a decision. Mayor Sykes said were the ones you called from North Carolina? Timmy said that is the only ones I called. I was calling the smaller utilities the ones that have two or three tanks somebody just like us. Phillip Swinson said the actual presentation Alex came and done was a lot more in depth on everything on the service side. Mr. Kennedy said something I was hoping they would have brought out, but they didn't like a paint job of one tank would be an excess of $80,000 to $100,000 if we weren't in a service agreement where that was part of the service agreement there ain't know we could do that in one budget term as far as budgeting to pay $100,000 for a tank. That is why we went with that service tank because it is spread out over several years you're paying a lot so to speak every year but at least it is not $100,000 in one year's budget. Mayor Sykes said but we need this we don't need to wait until have to have something and be sitting out on the cold whether it's with them or someone else. Commissioner Quinn said would you rather do one, two, three year contracts is that how it works? Mr. Kennedy said that's all he put on that sheet but he went to ten years I think on ours. Attorney Jenkins said I thought that's what he said it was a ten year span. Commissioner Hill said like I said I would like to see the current contract versus this just to compare. Mr. Kennedy said we just did the total numbers and it was like $5,000. Mayor Sykes said he didn't see our current contract right? Town Clerk Crystal Heath said the guys did not see it the other contract. Mr. Kennedy said if we start in January it would be 17 and some change for both tanks and last year we paid 22 for it just the comparison I have done. Mayor Sykes that would be alright, but I still say we should look at the contract. Commissioner Hill thanked Timmy Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy said I will put Garris's to work and hopefully finish up with Central and get all those receipts turned in and hopefully FEMA will pay us.

Town Clerk Crystal Heath said you have something else to say Mike. Chief Hoffman said if we are going to continue having meetings and everything else that we require masks and also incubation is 3 to 5 days. They said one or two ways it could not be transmitted unless the fever was present, but then again the incubation for fever you got 24 before and 24 after that it can be passed. I just think it's a good CYA move for us to do this. We are not going to have a hand wash station present. I would go ahead make hand sanitizer readily available in and out the door. Mayor Sykes said we got plenty of hand sanitizer. Chief Hoffman said I have cleared my throat, hear James cough, Mike clear his throat, we know if we are going to be sick I wouldn't be in the room with y'all not because I care about myself, but I wouldn't want to give it to y'all. It's common practice for people not to, but I have been hearing more cases where people who are violently sick are going to work. Number one they don't want to miss a paycheck, number two they don't care, and I just think its good move for us. I don't want to wear a mask and I don't believe masks y'all that are wearing mask you are re-breathing your own carbon. I don't believe in it, but I think just as a practice for us while we are here for a small amount of time I think it is a good idea. Commissioner Hill said I think the worst thing is when you get people to start coming together people not just us, but people coming outside that's where it getting contracted.

They are sick when they get here. Chief Hoffman we are sitting in here right now we are closer than six foot. Other people do not care if people have followed the guidelines of what they were supposed to do we would not have COVID. Mayor Sykes said Crystal and I have talked about this it almost seems like to we need to meet at the police department so we would be six foot distance. Also is having a piece of Plexiglas to shield us from them. Chief Hoffman said I think that is a great idea it's an expensive idea, but a great one. Mayor Sykes said I don't think with the grant we got for the COVID stuff we didn't put that down because we didn't think about it. I talked to the girl in Kinston and she said we could get a bid for it. I'll ask her if we could amend because we didn't use all the grant money. We need something to separate everybody. I think it would be good idea to meet over there to be six feet apart. Commissioner Hill said we can distance ourselves over there and be six feet apart. Chief Hoffman the only thing that gets to me about it if someone wanted to be ugly and knew tonight was a board meeting night all they would have to do is come in photograph it and it could cause a big statement and that's what I don't want. Thermometers are not going to hurt anybody and document. Mayor Sykes said I have no problem with a temperature and masks would be fine and whatever you all decide to do. Mayor Sykes said well we will start meeting over there.

Mayor Sykes said George do you have anything to say, does anyone have anything to say? Commissioner Murphy said I do and it will be brief our last meeting I stayed a few minutes after and I talked to Officer Hoffman about a situation in our neighborhood. About a man whose having issues and his wife is super stressed with some of the issues that he is having and reached the point where it is hard to keep tabs of where this gentleman is. Officer Hoffman is so helpful gave me all kinds of numbers and whatever, his personal number of this very nice lady who is near and dear to me needed his help could immediately contact him. I must have had a premonition probably a week and half ago when we had this situation arise, after dark, and I would like to commend Officer Hoffman professionally goes without saying but the part that means most to me is the kindness and discretion of the gentleman that I think so highly of was not embarrassed by the police he and his wife. I know it is not his job to keep up every person in this town, but it certainly meant a lot to them and myself but it makes me happy and proud to live in a little town like this where folks can reach out. Mayor Sykes thanked him.

Mayor Sykes asked if there was any more discussion. Mayor Sykes adjourned this meeting.