

Town Board Meeting

October 12, 2021

The Town of Pink Hill Board meeting was held on October 12, 2021 in the town hall board room. Present for this meeting were Mayor Mike Hill, Commissioner James Quinn, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner Pete Fantini Town, Police Chief Michael Hoffman, Chief Tony Heath, Town Clerk Crystal Heath, Public Works Supervisor Timmy Kennedy and Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson.

Visitor's present were Derrick Remer and Daniel White. The town attorney George Jenkins was not able to attend.

Mayor Mike Hill said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the October 12, 2021 meeting. I would like to ask everyone to please turn your cell phones off. Mayor Hill asked everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hill said I need the approval of the agenda, any amendments, and minutes from the three meeting we had last month. Commissioner James Quinn said I make a motion to approve the meeting, special meeting minutes, agenda, and any amendments that need to be made. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Derrick Remer from Duke Energy came to discuss the franchise agreement. He said this is the second reading if you have any questions that is the purpose of coming to the second reading. Any questions I can answer? Mayor Hill said we sign now, notarize, and send back to you? Mr. Renner said our state president will sign it and I'll get a copy back to you all. Mayor Hill said we will be looking forward to seeing you all.

The next item on the agenda was to set a time and date for the ARP budget planning meeting which is the American Rescue Plan money. Mayor Hill said will next Tuesday be alright with everybody? That will be November 19th. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to set the meeting for the 19th at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Packets were provided to each board member to look over before the November 19th meeting.

The discussion of the Christmas Party was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Hill said we did not have one last year, so I want to have one this year. Crystal called and got us a price. Mrs. Heath said there are two different packages for you to review. It will be December 3rd a Friday night @ 6:30. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the Christmas Party for December 3rd at 6:30 PM where you will have a choice of package A or B. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hill said we have ordered a monument for Mr. Worthington. The Ruritan Club gave us 500 dollars. My brother is going to try and talk to the American Legion and maybe we could get a little bit more. Anything that is put in bed by the flag pole I want it to be a similar in size so I want that in a motion. We are also still looking at trying to look at getting another

flagpole, but still waiting on a price. Commissioner Quinn said I make a motion that any monuments added to Mr. Worthington's monument would all be uniform in the same style and stone. Commissioner Fantini seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tony Heath presented the fire report. Chief Heath said the call volume was down this month. I do have a couple of questions are we still proceeding with the Christmas Parade. Are we still having the Miss Merry Christmas conference and would you like the Fire Department to still host that as we have been in the past? Mayor Hill said yes because I got word the other night, I was going to talk about it later but I'll go ahead, they are fixing to work on the gym. There is going to be a new air and heating system in that gym. This the county's recreation, but this year we would like for you all to host it this year. Chief Heath said we have outgrown some of the facilities we have at the present moment. As you can see we have some our vehicles outside, we are looking at adding to the corner of tennis court with a metal building. We do have one of the trees in the way which is town's property. Mayor Hill said we need a motion on removing the tree. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion to take the tree down. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Mike Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fantini said I make a motion for the Fire Department to put a building up by the tennis court. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said any discussion, all in favor say "aye", motion carried unanimously.

Chief Michael Hoffman presented the police report. Chief Hoffman said I do not have our call report because I have on call on a recent incident. Everything stayed the same, we had two more arrests, but we had an incident with our town vehicle and incident from earlier this morning where a vehicle was stolen. I recovered the vehicle at 6:45 this afternoon. We got a suspect for one of them and we got some leads for the other suspect. I will gladly have the report done and emailed to you. Mayor Hill said just email it to us. Commissioner Fantini said is there anything we can do? Chief Hoffman said as a community we have to step up. Please call somebody let them know. We have an issue and working tirelessly to stop it. Mayor Hill thanked him and said he appreciated all they work that they do. Did you get your new car in? Chief Hoffman said yes we did.

Timmy Kennedy provided the water report. Timmy said an update on the North Central culvert is that I got an email from the Wooten Company, and they have received a response back from Tarheel Concrete. He wants to try a certain patch and try that. I told them to send him and let's try it. Anything he tries it will be under for an additional year. Something that they try and still holds for a year we should be fine. Also Mike talked about the break in, but we do have the guys working on the trailer and got it back in service. Crystal turned it into the insurance, but I haven't heard from them yet. Whatever they do, it is pretty much totaled anyway. I had a meeting with a ranger with NC Forrest Service and he walked the fields with me, but he told me all the trees were a good size after we clear cut we have to spray and clear everything. We already missed that window from being able to replant. We are putting off the clear cut for a while. He said it wouldn't hurt for them to keep growing. We need to hit it a bit earlier as far as the kill. Mayor Hill said so you're going to go ahead and thin the 19 acres? Mr. Kennedy said

yes sir. Mayor Hill said are you going to wait to clear out the others next year? Mr. Kennedy said I will see how I can get it scheduled. I know we spoke at the end of the meeting about having a good amount of money in our funds for paving do you have a certain street you would like a price on or do you not want me to do that right now? I have a list categorized as the worst, but anyway I don't know how much we can get covered. Please think about it and we will take until the next meeting to see. I'll get some prices and see how much we can get done. We purchased a rescue swan for the fire department, new suburban the red one, it came from New York. Where there was a lot of salt used in those areas it has caused it to rust out in the finger wells and bottom of the doors. I think we need to get a major repair done. The truck running gear is in good shape, but it's just the shell. Chief Heath said the price is just a little over \$6,000 and we need a budget amendment. Mayor Hill said do you need a budget amendment now? Chief Heath said yes we need it. Email everybody the list of the streets and everybody can drive around and look at them. Mayor Hill said that is good and thanked him.

Mayor Hill asked for Daniel White to come speak for public comments. Mr. White said I know it has been discussed before about a situation in the town. We have several spots in the town that do not look great and other situations that are getting worse. There is one right in front of my house that has gotten worse in the last week. I myself have checked with the buddies at the forest reserve there were some laws in place, but they are no longer here. In the last couple of years with the forest reserve you could not transfer debris like that due to diseases etc. At this point I realized we cannot retroactively go back. My concern is we don't have nothing in place, the lawyer could not find anything, and nothing really happened next. At this point what should happen next, and what I am asking for, is a discussion of an ordinance that can get in place so it does not continue to get worse. Then we can work on what there is around town to make it look better. I have friends, family, and people that use to live here and get comments all the time. Mayor Hill said our attorney is out right now, but I'll call another attorney that I can contact and talk to him tomorrow. Maybe we will have another attorney at the next board meeting and discuss it. Mr. White said even if that is the case we need to start making our town look better. Whatever the lawyer says regardless it is just as simple as creating an ordinance. Mayor Hill thanked him for coming to speak.

No attorney to make any remarks or comments. Commissioner Murphy said one thing back to what Daniel said, did you not mention that someone said something to you about the same issue? Mayor Hill said yeah about the limbs and debris. We brought it up to George, but that was around the time he had his fall and he was going to look at an ordinance. I will call the other attorney tomorrow and check with him. Commissioner Murphy said my point is this is not the first time. Mayor Hill yeah it is not just you. Commissioner Fantini said have we addressed the property owner? Mr. White said because of now you don't have anything town-wise that is currently being broken. Commissioner Fantini said what about that it is a nuisance? Is it not a nuisance? The town ordinance says if it is a nuisance to the neighbor it is a nuisance. Mayor Hill said I will discuss that with him tomorrow. If he says that the ordinance says it is a nuisance I will contact her to clean it up.

The meeting was adjourned.

