

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes May 14th, 2024

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on May 14th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Town Clerk Lauren Smith, Police Chief Michael Hoffman and Officer John Weaver.

Mayor Horne called the meeting to order & asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lauren Smith, Town Clerk, conducted roll call.

Visitors present were: Kristin Fantini, Suzie Baker, Jessica Goodman & family, Kevin Casey, JR & Marcey Jones, Josh & Cierra Dunham, Carolyn Whitfield, Richard Goldsby, Willie Dixon & Tony Esposito.

Mayor Horne referenced meeting protocol & conflict of interest statement - no Commissioner had any conflict of interest.

Public Comments:

Suzie Baker gave a Neighborhood Community Watch update; additional signs are available per Tony Esposito & the next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 7:00 pm at Tower 110. The topic of the meeting will be Identifying Signs of Human Trafficking.

Richard Goldsby then took the podium first commending the Community clean-up efforts. He then announced the next Community Connection Meeting to be held at Two Dogs on May 20th at 6:00 pm, the upcoming Juneteenth meeting to be held at the Gym on June 9th at 3:00 pm, and Fun Day to be held in front of the church on July 27st at 1:00 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the May agenda.
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- No discussion.
- Vote was unanimous.
- Motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the April Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Approval of the Financial Reports:

Mayor Horne advised the Board that at the recommendation of Connie Huffman, the Town's Account, a budget amendment to the General Fund needed to be made utilizing Fund Balance Appropriation for \$50,000, to offset \$31,000 in additional Administrative expenses, \$15,000 in additional Fire expenses & \$4,000 in additional Street expenses.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- No discussion
- Vote 3-0
- Motion carries.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates: Updates on the progress of water billing & the upcoming transition of the Town's ORC contract from ONWASA to Josh Batchelor.
- Commissioner Murphy advised that there was no Fire report available as of the time of the meeting.
- The monthly Police report for April was included in binders and read by Mayor Horne on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman. The Police Chief was commended for his dedication to the Community.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mayor Horne conducted the swearing in of new Deputy Clerk Jessica Goodman.

Kristin Fantini gave Festival Committee updates & upcoming events, including the application for a grant through the Rotary Club in Kinston for a 6' tree to be planted in the park. She then announced a Music Bingo Fundraiser on June 27th at Tower 110 from 6-9pm, and the first movie night of the year to be held on May 23rd starting at sundown.

Mayor Horne then read a road closure request from the Pink Hill Library for their annual Back to School Bash to be held on August 3rd from 11am to 1pm. The request is to close where S. Pine meets W. Broadway St. to where S. Pine Meets W. Clay St. from 9am to 2pm. Commissioner Fantini stated that he would inform the DOT at their meeting next week.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- No discussion
- Vote was unanimous
- Motion carries.

Mayor Horne gave an update on the recent Community clean-up event & announced that flyers will be sent out informing Citizens that the Town will continue to provide a construction dumpster at Town Hall to be used by the Community & anyone needing help moving items can contact Town Hall.

Mr. Willie Dixon requested information on who to contact about adding no passing lines to the street he lives on due to safety concerns. The Mayor volunteered to contact Chris Blizzard with DOT about the issue.

Suzie Baker asked if there were any updates on naming the park. There was discussion about sending out a survey for ideas. Commissioner Fantini suggested a monument honoring Veterans & First Responders.

Commissioner Whitfield reminded everyone of the upcoming events being held on May 17-18th, including the Steak Cook off being held at Tower 110, Fireman's Day & the Pink Hill Recreation Softball Tournament.

Suzie Baker announced that there will be a St. Jude's Walk-a-Thon to be held on June 1st at the Seven Spring Fire Department at 8:00 am.

Richard Goldsby announced that there would be a surprise 65th birthday party in his honor on June 14th at his house at 1:00 pm and everyone was invited.

Comments by BOC:

There were no other questions or comments.

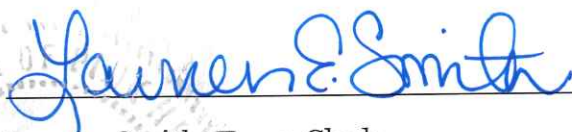
Motion to Adjourn:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to Adjourn.
- Seconded by Commissioner Fantini
- Vote was unanimous
- Motion carries

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Lauren Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes from the Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioners May 14, 2024 regular board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, this the 11th day of June, 2024.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal

