

# **Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes August 20th, 2024**

The Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on August 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Pete Fantini, Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney Anna Herring, 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: Tony Esposito, Willie Dixon, Trina Patrick, Richard Hayes, Melissa Gallegos, Richard Goldsby & Adam Short.

Mayor Horne referenced meeting protocol & the conflict-of-interest statement

## **Public Comments:**

Tony Esposito took the podium first with Neighborhood Watch updates. He announced that two drug arrests resulting from NW reports were made in July. He also spoke about the program being granted permission to have a presence at Pink Hill Festival Committee events, complete with banners & hand-outs.

Next, Richard Hayes spoke about flooding issues in Circle Court & Park Circle & discussion ensued about a 2.8 million Storm Drainage Grant Project already underway.

Richard Goldsby then spoke about upcoming Community Connection events including the Charlotte Baker Memorial on September 27-29<sup>th</sup> & the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gym. CC Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6pm at Two Dogs & breakfast every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 9am at Jo's cafe.

Finally, Assistant Lenoir County Manager Adam Short Introduced the Downtown Revitalization Tax Incentive Program & requested Board approval to draft a memorandum of understanding between the Town & County.

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the August agenda
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield

- Vote was unanimous.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion to approve the July Minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote 3-0

**Financial Reports:** In Binders

**Department Reports:**

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates
- The Monthly Fire report for July was not available as of the day of meeting
- The monthly Police report for May was included in binders and read by Commissioner Whitfield on behalf of Police Chief Michael Hoffman

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mayor Horne requested a motion to approve the Audit Contract for FY 23-24

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- No discussion
- Vote was unanimous

Mayor Horne then requested a motion to increase the starting salary for potential part-time police officers as well as pay increases for Current officers.

- Commissioner Fantini made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Lengthy discussion followed drifting unbelievably off topic
- Vote 3-0
- Motion Carries

Finally, the Mayor requested a motion to pay out compensatory time to employees twice per year, but after a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to table the matter in order to decide on updates to the current personnel policy.

**Comments by BOC:**

Commissioner Fantini reminded everyone about the Tower 110 Event: Country Bingo Night to be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Whitfield complimented Police Chief Hoffman & Fire Department Volunteers for their quick response in securing the fallen tree scene during the recent tropical storm.

Mayor Horne commented on the recent growth in residential interest, specifically with the Re-Zoning of Harper Landing currently underway.

Richard Goldsby inquired about planning the next Community Clean up event & spoke with the Mayor about contacting homeowners about burning the abandoned houses.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to Adjourn.
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- 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 August 20, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal

