

April 9, 2019

7:00pm

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, James Quinn, and Penny Murphy. Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, Fire Department Chief Tony Heath and Town Clerk Crystal Heath.

Visitors present for the meeting were Randy Byrd and Susan Meyers.

Mayor Sykes said that she would like to call the meeting to order and I appreciate ya'll coming tonight and welcome you to our April 9, 2019 board meeting and I would like to ask all of you to turn off your cell phones if you haven't done so. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Mike Hill to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance of the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. 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 March 12, 2019. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion to approve the agenda, any amendments, and all the minutes of the last meeting we had. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second? Commissioner Penny Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was discussion on a possible vape store. Timmy said he was asked if a vape store would be approved to open in the city limits by a property owner in town, the owner said someone wanted to rent from him with plans to open a vape store. Mayor Sykes advised she is not in favor of one. Attorney Jenkins said he needed to check in on the towns ordinances and see the specifics. Mayor Sykes suggested tabling the topic until whomever wishes to

open one can attend a board meeting. The agenda item of a possible vape store was put on table until next board meeting.

Next item on the agenda was the update on the presentation of the FY 2017/2018 audit report, Crystal advised all that Amanda had contacted her stated the audit was approved and stated she would be at the next board meeting in May to discuss the report.

The Fire Department Report was next on the agenda. Fire Chief Heath said our call report since last month's town board meeting is EMS assignments 18, Vehicle accidents 3, Structure fires 1, and 1 fire alarm call totaling 23 calls since last meeting. Mayor Sykes said Tony that is a good amount of calls. Tony replied "yes Ma'am." Commissioner Mike Hill told Chief Heath to tell all his member's that he thanks them all for all the hard work and training they put in to serve Pink Hill and surrounding areas. Mayor Sykes seconded the praising by stating she was so proud of them and felt like they needed to be told more. Chief Heath said he had dedicated members to look out for the town for him during the day. Mayor Sykes said you do a good job looking out for our town day and night. Chief Heath responded Thank you Ma'am.

Next item on the agenda was the police Chief Joey's call report. Town Clerk Crystal Heath read of the calls for Chief Joey he was busy handling a call. Crystal said Chief Joey has gotten calls since last month's Town Board meeting to the following; for the month 1 accident report, 3 alarm calls, 2 animal complaints, 1 arrest, assisted Duplin Co Sheriff's office 4, assisted Lenoir County ems 2, assisted Lenoir County Sheriff's Office 12, assist motorist 2, fire department 2, 1 breaking and entering, citation 2, 1 death, 5 disturbance calls, 7 domestics, 2 injury to personal property, 1 overdose, 3 suspicious activity calls, 6 suspicious person calls, 6 suspicious vehicles calls, 2 trespassing calls, 1 unlock vehicle, 1 welfare check, and 1 911 unknown for a total of 70 calls for the Pink Hill Police Department.

Next item on the agenda was the water/sewer report from Mr. Timmy Kennedy. He said he wanted to discuss with all the replacing of the

roof at the sewer plant on the lab building. He said he has bids to show all of the board members. Timmy said I have gotten 2 bids for shingles and 2 bids for tin roof. Jerry Tyndall was a bidder, Kennedy custom construction, just dose metal, and we build construction on metal, and shingles. Mayor Sykes said well Timmy which had you rather have? Tin or shingles? Timmy said well I had rather have metal/tin because I think it would last longer. Also it will not blow off piece by piece at a time. And you are talking about 20 year's vs 40 years of usage out of shingles vs metal roof. Commissioner Mike Hill said he would rather have metal also. Timmy said the shingles had been on the lab roof for 20 years. Mayor Sykes said okay tell me what are all of you thinking? Metal or Shingles? Commissioner Mike Hill said it may cost more up front but in the long run it would be more cost efficient to replace with a metal roof. Timmy then gave all packets with pricing and colors or metal or shingles. Mayor Sykes said well whatever you all are thinking will be better for the town in the long run. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to go with Kennedy Construction for replacing the roof at the lab building for \$32,070. I motion we do ivory in color metal top. Commissioner Penny Murphy said I make a motion to 2nd what Commissioner Mike Hill proposed. Mayor Sykes said any discussion? If not all in favored say "aye" and all oppose do so. The motion carried unanimously.

The Carol Dr call Timmy said update on the violation the Wooten Company he sent in photos and coordinates to the state to take care of the violation. Timmy said Katie with NC Rural water told him same was still under contract, violation that town got for the digging was reprimanded by getting the pictures and documentation sent in. Commissioner Mike Hill said Thank you Timmy for taking care of that in a timely manner.

Next item on the agenda was appointing Crystal Heath, Town Clerk, as the Finance Officer. Mayor Sykes said that she had the pleasure of appointing Crystal Heath as Finance officer could she get a motion on the table. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion to make Crystal Heath finance Officer. Commissioner James Quinn said I

gladly second that. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes said I just want to say how impressed I am with Crystal's work and fitting in with the town.

Chief Joey arrived gave update on some of the calls he had taken care of. Commissioner Penny Murphy asked Chief Joey to tell her about the animal bite calls he had taken. Chief Joey said a female at Jo's café was bitten by a stray animal that was hanging around their dumpster that Lenoir County Animal Control and Himself had looked into the incident and located the dog. The 2nd dog bit was on Leighton Dr. Animals have been taken into animal controls care.

No one was present for the public comment section.

Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a couple of items of business. Commissioner Penny Murphy said I second his motion for closed session to begin. Mayor Sykes said okay if all other than those supposed to stay will go wait for closed session to end will go out please. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to come out of closed session and go back to board meeting. Commissioner James Quinn said I second Mike's Motion to end our closed session. Mayor Sykes said any more discussion, if not, all in favor say "aye".

Mayor Sykes said thank you all for waiting while we were in closed session. Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion for George Jenkins to proceed with the paperwork for the taxable foreclosure of the building on 101 E Broadway St.. Commissioner James Quinn said I will Second George Jenkins proceeding with the paperwork. Mayor Sykes said any discussion on this, if not, all in favor say "aye" the motion was carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda Commissioner Mike Hill said I make a motion that A C Shultes fur fills its contract on Old Beulaville Rd and Hunter St, will pay for load of dirt and rock at going market rate, at his contract price both parties will fulfill their part of the contract. Commissioner James Quinn said and I second same the work needs to be completed as it is supposed to be per contract.

Mayor Sykes said is there anyone to oppose or any further discussion, if not, all in favor say "aye". Commissioner Mike Hill said and if A C Shultes does not fulfil their contract with the town they are not do anymore work with the town. A C Shultes has a contract with camera work, Asset Management job but before they proceed that job they need to finish Old Beulaville Rd contract, Commissioner Mike stated to table the start on next contract for A C Shultes until this present job is finished. Attorney George stated that job is in limbo until first job is fulfilled.

Mayor Sykes said I thing that may be all on our agenda. Is there anything else anyone needs to say? Timmy Kennedy said there is a personnel issue I would like to address if I am not too late it is in reference to see what you think about us guys conceal to carry in our town vehicle. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to make an amendment on personnel policy to be able to conceal to carry in reference to killing snakes, varmints etc., at waste facility, in their truck and Deep Run Collection System. Commissioner James Quinn said I second that I feel it may be necessary for their safety. Attorney George Jenkins said we will need to have a public hearing on the conceal to carry in town work trucks. Mayor Carol Sykes said if all are in favor say "aye" the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Carol Sykes said okay the if no further business I make the motion that this town board meeting is adjourned, all have a good night. And thank you all.