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COMMISSIONERS APPROVE

BUDGET, TAX RATE

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores, at their regular monthly meeting on June 8, approved the proposed budget for the town for the next fiscal year of \$396,221. as proposed by the Commissioners. And in addition, the Board approved a tax rate of .19 cents per \$100. valuation of property in recognition of increases in utilities and other costs of operating the town during the next year. A public hearing on the proposed budget had been held prior to the regular meeting of the Commissioners.

Previous to the several actions of the Board the Commissioners were addressed by Doug Fleming of the County Board of Commissioners, who assured the PKS Commissioners that the county would support the towns on Bogue Banks in their efforts to eliminate parking on the shoulders of Salter Path Road. He said the County Commissioners were aware of the situation, which contributes to the deterioration of the road and its right of way and the increasing traffic problems which parking creates. He also urged that when hearings and other actions are taken with respect to the construction of a third bridge that the towns indicate a united front. A public hearing on the location of this bridge presently is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of Carteret Technical College in Morehead City.

Ed Crumley gave the Commissioners a progress report on his actions recently to correct the parking problems along Salter Path Road and the construction of the third bridge. He emphasized the need, also, for concerted action of all groups involved.

Commissioner Jerome then presented an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would limit the average density of housing units to eight per acre. The amendment also stipulates that the property owner, who had already made substantial expenditures in preparing the site, has substantially completed plans prior to the close of business on June 15, 1982, the allowable density shall be the number of units shown in the plans, or 10 units per acre, which ever is lesser.

In this same vein, the Roosevelts asked that the ordinance be amended to change their land fronting on the ocean, some 400 feet eastward from Maritime Place, from commercial to residential, which would substantially reduce density. Finally, another

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