Reporting for the Planning Board, Commissioner Jerome also once again requested residents to display their house address numbers in a visible location, preferrably on the mail box or mail box post, wherever possible. With the increasing number of new homes in Pine Knoll Shores it has become a problem for the police, fire and rescue units to locate an address in the event of an emergency. Your street address number may be obtained from the Town Clerk; it is important to remember that your street address is not the same one the post office uses for mail delivery, and these emergency services do not have access to postal box numbers. At the time the town was laid out each lot was given a number, which is available at the town hall. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Availability of these numbers will be discussed at the next meeting and duly reported.

Commissioner Jerome also reported that building permits for four new private dwellings were issued in July along with three certificates of occupancy. He said there presently are 21 single family residences under construction in Pine Knoll Shores, along with five condominium clusters.

Bids on a new fire truck were rejected, Commissioner Johnson reported, and the matter will be further studied. In lieu of this new equipment, and to improve fire protection in the town the Board said it would consider the extension of the present water mains and the installation of additional fire hydrants, especially in the area along Oakleaf Drive between the Country Club and Salter Path Road.

Commissioner Johnson also reported that local participation in the present Rescue Squad EMT training course has been extremely limited with only the police officers taking the course. He urged other citizens to participate in this activity in order to prevent later problems with squad response. If you can join in this very worthwhile effort, please get in touch with Brenda Cox or Corinne Geer at the town hall. You will be doing yourself and your neighbors a great service, and one that provides its own rewards.

He further reported the fire department has enlisted three new members and that the department regular training sessions will resume at 3 p.m. on Mondays, under the supervision of the newly appointed training officer, Haywood Quinn.

Commissioner Thompson reported that in July the police answered 48 calls, made 139 inspections of homes where the residents were away and issued 17 traffic tickets. He also reported that the Town had purchased a new police car, to replace the one that was worn out, and it would be in service shortly.

Finally, at the meeting, Mayor Cleveland announced an ordinance had been approved prchibiting the use of motor vehicles on the beach strand of Pine Knoll Shores, except emergency vehicles and those of commercial fishermen who have a net in their vehicle and who had obtained a 325 permit from the Town of Pine Knoll Shores. The ordinance is effective immediately.