

April Board of Commissioners Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

The commissioners received comments from citizens about the 2005-2006 budget. The budget will be ready for the May meeting and will then be available for public viewing. (see related article)

During the public comment period, a question was raised about why the re-zoning of the property at the corner of Oakleaf and Salter Path was back before the commissioners. The mayor replied that new information became available about the condition of the soil subsequent to backfilling with broken road asphalt in the 50's.

The contract for the town attorney was renewed. The retainer is \$825.00 a month and \$125.00 per hour for work not covered by the retainer.

Debris and pilings from the Iron Steamer pier seem to be cleaned up, but Chris Jones,

the director of inspections and public property, will wait until the water warms up before checking under water.

Alternate members Arlene Terrell and John Halada were approved to fill the remainder of terms on the Board of Adjustment.

The Waste Industries contract was renewed for another year, at a 1 1/2% increase.

A motion to develop a Conditional Use ordinance was approved. Because the Town is facing a lot of redevelopment, it was deemed necessary to have this type of ordinance on the books.

Police Chief Culpepper gave his report and mentioned that the lady who entered a house through an open garage door and stole some items had been arrested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Regarding the water system, Cavanaugh Engineering presented its final report and the commissioners will have a special closed meeting to discuss whether to move ahead with negotiations. Cavanaugh found that the system was basically in good shape. **933 Project:** Trying to find two million dollars more from the federal government to be able to finish the beach renourishment. These dollars are very competitive.

During citizens comments a question was raised about the Town's liability regarding the retaining wall at the Iron Steamer property in the event that a storm would knock it down and cause a problem for the houses that will be built behind it. The town attorney said that the Town would have no liability.

Police Report

Submitted by Chief Culpepper

The Pine Knoll Shores Police Department responded to 88 calls for service during March. These included 10 Fire/EMS assists, two accidents, two motorist assists, five town ordinance violations and 13 well-being checks. Twenty-five citations were issued, including four for driving while impaired, 10 for speeding and two alcohol violations. They also issued 19 warning tickets, made 137 residence checks and 326 business checks. They had three alarm calls and found three open doors.

Also reported was an arrest for breaking and entering, larceny. A residence was entered through an open garage door and items taken. Through an investigation a suspect was located and placed in jail.

MAY IS "CLICK IT OR TICKET" MONTH.
JUNE IS "BOOZE IT AND LOOSE IT" MONTH.

Fire & EMS Report

By Acting Emergency Services Director
Bruce Flynt

The EMS Department responded to 21 calls in the month of March. Nine required emergency medical response. The Fire Department responded to five calls including two alarms and one structure collapse. During the month, all firemen trained on basic aerial operations, pump operations and a review of Pre-Plans.

How to Reach the Police

By Chief Culpepper

We would like to clear up some confusion on how to contact the Police Department.

Monday through Friday (except holidays) 247-2474 will be answered by a receptionist. After hours, on weekends, and on holidays, no officer is in the building. If you need an officer or have a question, call 504-4800 and the county dispatcher will either have us return your call or we can come by your home. This will get an officer to respond much quicker than leaving a message at the building. As always, in an emergency, call 911.

If you call 247-2474 after hours, on weekends, or holidays an answering machine will take your call. It might be several hours before an officer can get in to check the messages so it is best to call 504-4800 to reach an officer.

Public Beach Access Surf Conditions

Starting Memorial Day Weekend the following flags will be flown:

Green — Safe or Normal

Yellow — Caution

Red — Dangerous / Warning



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