

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - April 10, 1975

A report on town taxes showed that only 3.16% of PKS property owners have not yet paid their taxes. That is a good record, 96.84% of our 839 property owners have paid their taxes.

Larry Jerome, reporting on Coastal Area Management plans, told the group that one requirement will be public meetings to get comments from citizens. When these meetings are announced, as many PKS citizens as possible should plan to attend.

Ruth Bray reported on the Bogue Banks Council of Governments which met recently with the Carteret County Board of Commissioners. There was some feeling that PKS should cooperate with other towns on the island, but that another governmental agency on the island might not be needed. Commissioner Ramsey suggested that for the present, the Board should not formally adopt a resolution to join.

In the matter of mail delivery, PKS chose to stay with Morehead City as a rural mail route rather than go with Atlantic Beach.

Mayor Redfield stated that an amount for pick-up of garbage under a town contract would be included in the budget and citizens should voice their opinions at the budget hearings.

Bill Macdonald, who has been investigating the matter of fire protection suggested that an amount be included in the budget for a van which could be equipped with fire hose and could go to fires to help until the fire department arrives. Fire protection is one point which is going to be discussed by the Bogue Banks Council of Government.

HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES - April 11, 1975

The sign ordinance as presented by Larry Jerome establishes limits as to size of signs and proposes a committee to review permanent signs so as to insure that signs are in good taste and aesthetically acceptable. A permit would be required to erect a sign and a fee charged.

The fire protection and prevention ordinance is patterned after typical municipal ordinances. Questions raised concerned dangers arising when a lot is cleared and brush is burned, and the possibility of securing permits for beach fires for picnics. Larry Jerome will look into all questions raised and make sure the ordinance covers them.

Discussion of the traffic ordinance brought a moment of laughter when E. Warner asked if the definition of vehicles which included bicycles should not also include tricycles which some of us ride. Oh, our advancing years, or is our sense of balance?

Hearing, May 1

Two of the proposed ordinances discussed at the previous hearing were presented for vote with minor revisions as suggested at the hearing. Both carried without opposition, so we now have town ordinances covering fire protection and prevention, traffic and signs. Following the vote on these two ordinances, the meeting was devoted to a hearing on proposed annexation of an area west of the town limits. The commissioners asked for expressions of opinion from citizens regarding annexation. Points were brought up regarding costs of services as compared with anticipated income. Services which would have to be provided in an annexed area would include policing, street lighting, and road maintenance. An annexed area would come under PKS zoning ordinances. Development is now controlled by county ordinances and the area comes under planning regulations covering coastal resources. The Commissioners will continue study of suggested annexation, considering citizen opinions expressed at the hearing.

Suggestion for residents planning to be away from PKS for any length of time: A form is now available at the Town Hall which will tell our police how long you expect to be away and where you can be reached in case of emergency. Our police would appreciate your filling out one of these forms for them so they may give us even better service in protecting our property. Please get the form at the town hall and file it with the PKS police before you leave on a trip.