

PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on March 13 at town hall. Commissioner Knecht was not present. There were 24 members of the public in attendance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Atlantic Beach Fire Chief Adam Snyder who passed away on March 11.

Mayor Ken Jones announced that there will be a town Pickleball Tournament on April 27, and that the Kayak for the Warriors events are coming up at the end of May and beginning of June.

During the public comment session, three people spoke.

The Consent Agenda, consisting of minutes from past meetings and other items, was unanimously approved.

Town Manager Brian Kramer reported on a number of items:

- The status of FEMA and North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) insurance reimbursements was reported. FEMA expenditures to date are \$1,167,607.34, and reimbursements total \$981,296.12 to date. NCLM expenditures to date are \$110,108.00, and reimbursements total \$50,464.40 to date.
- Pine Knoll Shores Fire Captain Chad Mann was responsible for the town receiving seven dual-band radios from Harris Radios. The estimated value of the radios is \$30,000. These radios are a Capital Improvement item for FY2020. With this donation, the town now only needs to purchase six more.
- The Trinity Center board met recently regarding the Beach Emergency Access Project. With their support, the project will move forward.
- Recycling costs will be increasing due to China no longer accepting American recycling. Waste Industries is estimating an increase of \$1 per household per month. This will likely result in a fee increase in FY2020.
- Design and construction estimates for the Pine Knoll Boulevard sidewalk have been presented to Maritime Woods. The developer will submit his own design and construction estimate to the town. The work could possibly be done in conjunction with the Maritime Woods construction.
- The town continues to work on stormwater issues. NCDOT will be approached regarding funding for retrofits to seven areas in the east end. Dr. Mike Burchell has been invited to present information on a forced main, similar to one in Kure Beach, from Hester Woods to the dune network. Mr. Kramer is submitting a letter to the Hurricane Mitigation Grant Proposal for Phase II as the flood mitigation assistance was denied.
- Under quick updates he noted: the new cell tower at the country club is being wired now; the cost to get the new ambulance licensed and registered will be \$6,900; the road bore project will likely cost more than initially thought as they have run into fiber optic cable and are having to dig deeper; Sonny Cunningham approached Jones and Smith for estimates on the equalization pipes (culverts) for several areas; the NC Sheriffs' Association may be able to help us reduce the cost of a new yard waste truck by \$25,000; and town department heads are holding budget meetings.

Town Planner Kevin Reed reported that the infrastructure is being installed in the Maritime Woods development. The Community Appearance commission (CAC) and the Planning Board Stormwater/Tree Subcommittee are working on potential changes to tree density, tree replanting requirements, pervious driveway requirements in the right of way, impervious coverage limitations and potential natural area requirements. Once these issues have been addressed, they will work on stormwater issues. He reported that the total number of undeveloped lots is 207, not including 22 Maritime Woods lots or the Sears PKS, LC vacant oceanfront parcels in the eastern part of town. The total acreage of the undeveloped lots is 83 acres, and the value of these lots is \$40,658,822, with individual lot values varying from \$21,766 to \$765,675. He also gave the Building Inspector's report: 169 inspections were performed, and 188 permits were issued at a value of \$6,065,881. Fees generated by these permits were \$11,412.

Public Services Director Sonny Cunningham reported that the Trinity Center tank is being prepped for painting with the Roosevelt Boulevard tank to be done immediately afterward. The two road bore and fire hydrant projects have begun, and the department has made repairs to the Knollwood, Memorial, Dayton Place and Trinity Center beach accesses. The temporary police trailer is now operational, and the new 150 KW generator at the public safety building is in place.

Police Chief Ryan Thompson reported that Community Resource Officer Nancy Montanino has begun bike patrols. The department is holding a pet vaccine clinic and adopt-a-thon at the public safety building on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fire Chief Jason Baker requested that everyone consider donating to the Go Fund Me page for the benefit of the family of Fire Chief Adam Snyder.

Town Clerk Sarah Williams reported that the Coastal Federation is helping the town apply for a grant with the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMFT) regarding Phase II Stormwater. A member of the CWMFT will make a site visit to Pine Knoll Shores. The town is still waiting for the state to approve the Watershed Plan. Once approved, the town will be eligible for 319 funding (named for Section 319 of the Clean Water Act).

Under new business, Mr. Kramer and Larry Sneed of Coastal Stormwater gave a presentation on the stormwater mitigation Phase II preliminary design process. The preliminary design has not changed since last year, but it is being expanded to add new features. A motion was made to move forward with the process by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Goetzinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kramer gave a presentation on a cost-share agreement between the town and the Arborvitae Court residents to build a French drain system to reduce flooding during significant rain events. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Goetzinger, seconded by Commissioner Corsello. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kramer presented topics for the Strategic Planning Committee and the Planning Board to study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Durham, to purchase a 2019 Ford Explorer for the Police Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Two budget amendments dealing with General Fund expense increases and General Fund revenue increases were proposed. Because the commissioners had spent much time discussing these items and were well informed on the amendments, further discussion was not held during the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Corsello, seconded by Commissioner Goetzinger, to approve the budget amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

After hearing from a resident who is still living in a trailer on their property due to hurricane damage to their residence, the board proposed extending the time frame for having trailers/campers on private property to August 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Corsello, to approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Durham, seconded by Commissioner Corsello, to end the waiver of permit fees for storm damage on June 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

During the second public comment session, no one spoke.

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be April 10 at 6 p.m. at town hall.

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