

PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

By Paige Gillespie

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on July 10 at town hall. Commissioner Durham was not present. There were eight members of the public in attendance.

During the public comment session, no one spoke.

The Consent Agenda, consisting of meeting minutes and tax discoveries and releases, was unanimously approved following a few corrections.

Assistant Town Manager Julie Anderson gave an update on the beach renourishment project. The public notice period regarding this project has ended. The Beach Commission met and discussed several options. A combination of FEMA, state and town money will make it possible to replenish more sand than was originally thought. In addition, she announced that a check, representing the proceeds of the 2019 Kayak for the Warriors events, will be presented to Hope For The Warriors at the August board meeting.

Police Chief Ryan Thompson reported that the Ice Cream Ticket Program started by Sgt. Cory Bishop with Atlantic Beach Ice Cream Shop has been a huge success. Children spotted on the beach wearing life jackets or around town wearing bike helmets are given a ticket good for a free ice cream cone.

Fire Chief Jason Baker reminded everyone about summertime issues, including hurricane preparations, an awareness of rip currents and the need to stay hydrated. He further stressed the importance of being aware of wasps, hornets, snakes and spiders, and reminded those with allergies to have their epinephrine pen handy when working around possible dangers.

Town Planner Kevin Reed reported that the final plat for the Maritime Woods subdivision has been received and will now go to the Planning Board. The building inspector's report noted that 336 inspections were performed and that 51 permits were issued at a value of \$1,014,397. Fees generated by these permits totaled \$9,077.88. Eighteen tree removal permits were issued, and one minor landscape permit was issued.

Public Services Director Sonny Cunningham reported that there may be an increase in mosquito spraying to three times a week due to all the recent rain. NCDOT will not authorize the closing of Salter Path Road for road bore work at 215 Salter Path Road until after Labor Day. After viewing the beach renourishment in Emerald Isle, he requested that homeowners not install sand fencing after the renourishment is complete. Beach grass will be planted before the sand fencing can be installed.

Town Clerk Sarah Williams reported that the town is hoping to hear in the fall whether the town has been awarded the 319 Grant funding for stormwater improvements. Town representatives met with Crystal Coast Country Club representatives and Larry Sneed's engineering team to discuss the Phase II stormwater plan. The infiltration test results were good, and the country club is agreeable to the plan. The hope is to do the work during the ongoing golf course renovations.

Under unfinished business, a motion to extend the temporary use of trailers or RVs until November 1 was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Goetzinger. The motion was passed unanimously. This applies only to residents already occupying trailers or RVs.

Commissioner Edwards reported that the History Committee would like to

receive any materials you have regarding the town, especially from those who are moving away from the area. Mayor Jones reported that the Carteret County Mayors Association is working together to keep the MAST School going.

Under new business, a motion to approve the Emergency Management Phase II Vegetative and C&D Removal contract was made by Commissioner Knecht and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Chief Baker updated the contract based on what he learned from Hurricane Florence. Finance Director Julie Anderson gave a presentation regarding pay adjustments for Fire/EMS/Police personnel to remain competitive with area departments. A motion to approve management recommendations was made by Commissioner Goetzinger and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

During the second public comment session, no one spoke.

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be on August 14 at 6 p.m. at town hall.

The full minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings are included in the agenda packets that are publicly available through the calendar on the town website (townofpks.com) and are sent out via email prior to the next month's regular board meeting. If you have questions about access to the minutes, contact Town Clerk Sarah Williams at 247-4353, ext. 13.

Shoreline Changes

(Continued from page 1)

allowed the *News-Times* to focus on its core mission of news coverage.

In the process of this change in printing facilities, there has been a change in the format of all the publications associated with the Carteret Publishing Co. and, of course, the community newspapers which have previously been printed at the Morehead City offices. As was mentioned earlier, there is no change in the commitment by your local staff at *The Shoreline* or the Carteret Publishing Co. to provide a local print publication dedicated to informing and serving the community of Pine Knoll Shores.

There is always a concern that print is becoming less relevant today and thus the prediction that publications will disappear. As a native of this community and as a fourth generation newspaperman, I'm confident that print will remain not only relevant but stronger as our readers come to grips with all the chaos that floods our devices every second. While the maxim about change is correct, there is another maxim that applies. A gentleman in Massachusetts once noted that all politics is local. The same holds true for news, especially the important news that impacts us on a daily basis. All the news that matters is local and can be found in your monthly *Shoreline* and your community newspaper.

In Memoriam

Sandra Kelley

Ann Rivers