

Commissioner of Planning Larry Jerome reported the Planning Board had given final approval for the shifting of one street in the Maritime Place Phase II project so as to save a very old and picturesque live oak tree. Under the original alignment, the tree would have had to have been removed for the street. He also reported that one building permit had been issued for the construction of a single family dwelling, and that permits have been issued for the construction of 24 condominium units at the Genesis Phase I project, the initial grading for which is now under way. In addition, two CAMA permits were issued and three certificates of occupancy were issued. He said that Building Inspector Bob Hope reported 11 residential structures were being erected along with four condominium units.

He further reported that permits for additions and improvements to existing buildings will not be required if the projected cost is less than \$2,500.00. However, he said, regardless of the cost the building inspector must be advised of the project and its cost for tax purposes. All plumbing and electrical work on such a project must be accomplished by a licensed plumber or electrician. These requirements should not prove a burden to property owners since the covenants of the Pine Knoll Association also have always required such notification and approval.

Commissioner of Fire and Rescue Aubrey Johnson requested and received approval of the appointment of Howard Laws as assistant chief and training officer for the Fire Department. He further reported the Pine Knoll Shores Rescue Squad had answered six calls during November and that additional and replacement equipment for the ambulance had been ordered.

Police Commissioner Jack Thompson reported the police in November answered 30 calls, made 230 inspections of houses whose owners were absent and investigated 3 traffic accidents. He further reported that Haywood Quinn had been employed as a police officer replacing Jeff Mastrococco, who has resigned.

The Board also approved a motion to change the time of the monthly meeting of the commissioners to 2 p. m., on the second Tuesday of each month instead of 8 p.m. It was the concensus that perhaps a better attendance of citizens would result from this change. However, in the event of public hearings and other special meetings the Board would consider the 8 p.m. time.

Finally, the Board approved the reduction of the Vision Cable bond to \$3,000.00 in accordance with their request. The Board concluded that the company had performed its contracted agreement satisfactorily and was entitled to the reduction.

The Board also announced the reappointment of Mayor Wayne Cleveland as the delegate from Pine Knoll Shores to the Neuse River Council of Governments.

Before adjourning, the Board took the occasion to thank retiring Commissioner Brad Smith for his dedicated service to the community and publicly thanked him for his help. The Board also took note of the landscaping improvements around the Town Hall, which had been done on a volunteer basis under the able supervision of Erma Johnson.