

Fulcher, the Town Building Inspector, asked for a clarification of the ordinance that requires a 100 foot setback for property on the Sound. He told of some properties that were only 146 feet deep and as a result property owners are requesting either a change in the ordinance or a variance so that they could build on the property. This issue was referred to the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board for a ruling.

Mayor Hanan announced an agreement with the firm of Henry Van Oeson and Associates to provide administrative services for the proposed drainage system. Hanan stated that bids for the work to be performed would be sent out shortly. Clyde Lynn, representing the Pine Knoll Association objected to the fact that the Association was not directly involved in the decision to move on the project. The Association has ownership rights to the canal land and feels that the potential for runoff could threaten the water quality of the canal.

The Carolina Telephone Company proposal for the installation of the 911 Emergency System for Pine Knoll Shores was given a letter of intent of approval from the Board in November. The projected costs for the system have been revised due to the cost of the equipment and the amount of work involved in the start-up of the system. The telephone company is proposing a \$1.00 surcharge be added to resident's bills for two to three months. This would be in addition to the one time only charge of \$2.50 plus \$.50 per month usage charge.

The sand for the sand replenishment beach project will be placed on the beach in two locations. At the Holiday Inn site 170,000 yards of sand will be placed, and at the Ramada West location 120,000 yards of sand will be added to our beach.

Mayor Hanan reminded residents of the February 22 meeting to discuss the proposed water rate **increase**. Hanan also read a resolution authorizing the town to enter into an agreement with Ted Brown, an attorney familiar with Public Service hearings to represent the town's challenge to the increase. The resolution is included in this issue.

Hayes McCulley, representing the Bogue Banks Country Club, requested a variance from the town ordinance to allow the club to remove trees that are interfering with golf play. The matter was referred to the Planning Board for action.

Finally, the Commissioners met in Executive session to discuss the town employees personnel matters.

RESOLUTION OF INTERVENTION

WHEREAS, Carolina Water Service Inc. of North Carolina has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for increasing water and sewer rates in all of its service areas; and

WHEREAS, the rate increases requested for Pine Knoll Shores both for the base facility charge and the commodity charge are being increased by 12- $\frac{1}{2}$ % and 26% respectively; and

WHEREAS, the rate increase overall proposed is 22% over the increase granted in 1988 and represents an overall increase from 1979 rates in the amount of 196%; and

WHEREAS, the increase is the sixth since 1979 and has not been justified by an audited financial report indicating operating expenses and revenues pertaining to the Pine Knoll Shores use is requested on several occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes it necessary to make formal protest, resisting the rate increase coming at alarming frequencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town enter into an agreement with one Ted Brown, attorney, of 1042 Washington St., Raleigh, N. C., to represent the Town at the preliminary hearing scheduled for February 22, in Pine Knoll Shores, and the formal hearing scheduled in Raleigh, March 27-28; and