

Commissioner Gibson noted that during July, 189 Police calls were answered from traffic accidents to break-ins and entering and DWI arrests. The increase in traffic during the summer months keeps our Police Department extra busy.

Commissioner Hasulak reported on the unusually high number of rescue calls during the month. This increase is in part due to the many summer visitors to the various motels in town who have been advised about our excellent Rescue Squad. Commissioner Hasulak has received approval for an emergency access to the beach at the Holiday Inn location. This access will allow the Town's new 4-wheel drive vehicle for Fire and Rescue to get to the beach thus relieving the Rescue Squad from having to carry anyone requiring assistance over the dunes to the waiting ambulance.

Commissioner Johnson reported that the revenues for July were \$20,475 while expenses were \$64,419. This was due to a large payment for insurance coverage. He also stated that the town tax bills will be mailed out the first of next week. A payment of \$16,750 was made for legal services required during the recent Water Rate hearings.

Commissioner Roderick reported that a vacancy will exist on the Planning Board due to the expired term of A. C. Hall. He also stated that the Board of Adjustment turned down the request of the Bogue Banks Country Club for a new and larger sign at Oakleaf and Salter Path Road.

A motion was made to amend the town Sign Ordinance. Approved after discussion were:

1. Add language to include two [2] open house and four [4] yard sale signs.
2. All Real Estate signs shall be placed parallel to the street.
3. Any non-profit agency may erect a temporary sign if it is for a charitable cause, provided approval is first obtained from the Board of Commissioners.

Also approved was the amendment to the Municipal Code that will require all single family residences to post a numerical street address that is visible from the nearest street right-of-way. Mayor Hanan commented on the recent pruning of trees that was recently completed by the Electric Membership Corporation [EMC]. The Electric company in some cases severely cut back trees. This was necessary so that the pruning would not have to be done yearly. Also Mayor Hanan proposed, and the Board approved, that Paul Heim be appointed to the Community Appearance Committee replacing Humphrey Odell who resigned. The Mayor also alerted residents to a raccoon distemper problem. He advises caution in dealing with these animals and recommends against feeding them as the disease is highly contagious and could affect household pets.

Finally, we were told that the town has acquired a Fax machine and will make the Fax unit available to anyone at the rate of \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for all additional pages.

PLANNING BOARD

Commissioner Roderick announced that terms of four members of the Planning Board will expire in September. He asked that names be submitted for appointment or consideration be given for reappointment. He thanked members for the work on the Sign Ordinance revision. He reported that the Board of Commissioners wished the Planning Board to review uses of setbacks.

Lois Jean O'Keefe reported that the Community Appearance Commission reviewed their monthly action report which included the removal of a giant pine tree, better clean up of building sites and a proposed procedure for planned ocean front forest pruning.

The necessity of power line pruning was discussed.

Building Inspector Fulcher reported that in June there were issued two single family building permits, five miscellaneous permits, and three certificates of occupancy. There are sixteen houses under construction.