

Commissioner Gallo noted that the Town shows a shortfall in the funds from the State collected through sales and room taxes for the year, but feels through keeping expenses in line and alternatives for bringing in revenues, etc., the town will try not to raise taxes. A motion was made by Commissioner Gallo for a budget amendment for legal counsel expenses incurred during the water rate hike challenge.

Mr. Gallo moved that the town request the Department of Revenue to rule whether the Trinity Center should be assessed as taxable income. A motion was made by Commissioner Gallo to renew the contract with Geer Oil Company to supply the Town, and another motion to review the Code supplement Book.

Commissioner Hasulak reported that Norman and Kathy Trommer have completed the training and are now members of the Rescue Squad. There were 14 rescue calls and 2 fire [1 false alarm] for this month. He reminded everyone again to have their re-entry passes updated.

Commissioner Musgrave reported 104 calls answered and 806 house checks by the Police Department.

He also discussed complaints from residents regarding vehicles on the beach and dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Town residents are asked to report any abuses regarding these matters. If a license number of a vehicle not displaying a beach permit is called in to Commissioner Musgrave or the police, a letter will be sent to the offenders. The same procedure will be followed if the name of the dog owner can be obtained. Pet owners are reminded that there is a health hazard involved since diseases can be picked up by barefooted beach goers. Police officers are now checking the beaches as often as possible.

Commissioner Schultz reported 3 residential permits, 7 miscellaneous and 2 Certificates of Occupancy for the month. The County is presently reassessing all property in Pine Knoll Shores. These reassessments will now occur every four years instead of eight. He also reported on the Planning Board and Community Appearance.

Mayor Kanyha noted that two studies of the water quality of the Town Canal will begin this month. Dr. William Kirby-Smith of Duke University and Dr. Frank Schwartz of University of North Carolina Marine Science Division will conduct separate studies of water quality, salinity and marine life. Dr. Kirby-Smith's study will be completed in a year so that tests can be conducted to determine the effect of seasonal variations on water quality. Also, the correction to the Flood map has been noted by Congressman Lancaster and Jones, and they are petitioning for a zoning change.

Mayor Kanyha called for a resolution declaring the week-end of May 30 Children's Miracle Network Telethon weekend. She also announced the hearing in the Beaufort Courthouse March 26, 1992 at 7 p.m. on the proposed water rate increase.

She reminded everyone that they must be registered by April 6 to vote on May 5 primary.

A letter was sent requesting the Post Office to continue forwarding Zip Code 28557 to Pine Knoll Shores, 28512.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning board met Wednesday, February 26 at Town Hall.

Commissioner Schultz reported that the Town had signed a contract with DOT for bridge inspections and also had added some street drains on N.C. 58. He also stated that the County will now be evaluating property every four years instead of eight years. The County Commissioners have the prerogative to choose the four year period.

Commissioner Schultz informed the Board that Building Inspector Brownlow had completed the Community rating System application. It is hoped that this will reduce our flood rate level from 8 to 7, thereby reducing the flood rates.

Commissioner Schultz informed the group that Dale Holland will be presenting a rough draft to the Land use update Committee in the very near future. Jim Smith made the motion that the Planning Board be given the opportunity to review the five year Land Use Update Plan prior to any action being taken by the Town Commissioners.