

November Town Board Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

Because Town Hall was being used for Election Day activities, the Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the conference room of the Public Safety Building.

A moment of silence was observed at the beginning of the meeting in memory of Bob Kihlstrom, who had died that morning. Not only was Bob running for town commissioner, he was also half of "B & B" the town maintenance team.

Mayor Lamson presented two proclamations, one to J. D. Woolard for his 12 years volunteer service on the planning board, six of them as chairman, and the other to Tom Martynowski for his years of volunteer service in the Fire and EMS Department.

Finance Officer Hasulak reported that PKS received the single largest amount (\$95,266) of sales and use tax.

There was discussion about awarding contracts and it was voted that they would be awarded on a best-value policy, rather than to the lowest bidder.

Under public works, two items were tabled until January to give the new commissioners time to study amendments to water rules &

regulations and also proposed changes to the landscape application & permit to remove trees.

Public hearings for rezoning town-owned property adjacent to the Public Safety Building and town-owned property on Yaupon have been deferred until December.

A public hearing on an ordinance to establish maximum impervious coverage in residential property zones has been deferred until January.

Mayor Lamson reported that she had received a press release from the Shore Protection Office reporting that \$3 million dollars has been awarded for the Morehead City Harbor Section 933 for PKS beach renourishment for winter 2006. The award is contingent upon execution of legal instruments and favorable dredging bills.

During the announcements, Mayor Lamson disclosed that Anne Blackwell received an award from the Chamber of Commerce for Outrageous Customer Service. Also, because requests have been made, PKS "Merry Christmas Y'all" sweatshirts will be reordered. Town Hall will be closed Dec. 22 through 26.

Luminaria Drive

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Pine Knoll Shores, 28512. Checks should be made payable to the PKS Garden Club.

Volunteers are needed to help with the placement and lighting of the Luminaria. You need not be a garden club member to participate, and you may arrange to do so by calling Mrs. Walters at 240-2745. So buy some Luminaria for yourself, support the town-wide displays with a donation, and plan to pitch in with the Christmas Eve placement and lighting effort and pickup of the Luminaria Christmas morning. It's a great way to spend an hour or so with friends and neighbors helping out with this holiday tradition.

New Commissioners

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gifts at the December 13 meeting.

Bob Kihlstrom's death left a void at Town Hall. For a number of years he and Bill Brophy had joined forces to form a well-respected parttime Town maintenance team that came to be known affectionately as "B & B".

In other election day developments, the two school bond referenda, which had been approved countywide with 70 percent of the vote, were also solidly supported in PKS, gaining the support of some 60 percent of voters.

Fire/EMS Report

During the month of October, PKS Fire & EMS responded to 28 calls, nine were EMS calls, 8 of which required Paramedic assistance. All 9 calls required transport to the hospital. There were 19 fire calls and the majority were activated alarms.

The new ambulance has arrived and is being outfitted for service. Training for October covered the fields of hazardous material, driver training and emergency management training.

During the Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Hunter commented about the Lessons Learned documentation that was kept before, during and after the hurricane by EMS Director Matthias. Commissioner Hunter thought that the information should be shared with all the Commissioners so that "we can continue to improve."

In Memoriam October

Ruth Kane
Robert Kihlstrom

Police Report

During the month of October there were 129 calls for service, including 1 accident, 10 assist other agencies, 14 assist Fire/EMS, 3 town ordinance violations, and 14 welfare checks.

Twenty-two citations involving 27 charges were issued for: 1 driving while impaired, 2 speeding, 2 driving while suspended, 8 seatbelt, 4 alcohol violations and 10 other. Six warning tickets were issued.

There were 52 residence checks and 353 business checks.

On Oct. 4, Lt. Rice was called to the Aquarium for a wreck involving two construction workers. One worker had arrived intoxicated and was offered a ride home, which she declined. As she left, she struck a co-worker's car causing minor damage. She was located approximately six hours later in Atlantic Beach where Lt. Rice arrested her for leaving the scene of an accident and driving while license revoked. She had been arrested the day before in Atlantic Beach for leaving the scene of an accident and DWI and then was arrested again in Atlantic Beach the next day for DWI and driving while license revoked.

On Oct. 25 at 1:15 am, Officer Wallace observed a vehicle driving erratically on NC58. Officer Wallace followed the vehicle until it

pulled into a driveway. The female driver had her two small children and two adult males in the SUV with her. She registered a .20 Breath Alcohol Content (less than .08 is legal). She was arrested for DWI and eventually taken to the magistrate where she was released on a written promise to appear.

The same evening, Officer Wallace and Sgt. Lemay were contacted about a domestic situation on the shoulder of the road where the male was beating the female. After looking along NC 58, they noticed a male and a female in an opened garage and the female was on the ground. Sgt. Lemay contacted Rescue for the female. Officer Wallace placed the male under arrest for being drunk and disruptive, but the magistrate in Beaufort later released the male for lack of probable cause. The female had been arrested by Officer Wallace 20 hours earlier for DWI.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the annual holiday "Booze It & Loose It" campaign got underway. Law enforcement across the state will be conducting DWI checkpoints and saturation patrols in an attempt to keep the roads and highways safe for holiday travelers. Citizens are urged to make arrangements to have a designated driver or contact a taxi service before attending holiday festivities.

PKS Women's Club Book Clubs

The Beach Book Club will be meeting at Charlotte Hamilton's on Dec. 8 where they will be discussing Reading Lolita in Tehran. Between The Book Ends will be meeting at Liv Stephens' where Jan Corsello will lead the discussion on Dancing at the Rascal Fair.

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