

Police Report

There were 79 calls for service, including two assist other agencies, four assist Fire/EMS, one domestic, five motorist assists, one Town ordinance violation, 20 welfare checks, two alarms and two open doors.

Twenty-seven citations involving 34 charges were issued: two driving while impaired, nine speeding, three driving while suspended or NOL, one drug violation, two alcohol violations and 17 other.

Eight warning tickets were issued and there were 77 residence checks and 431 business checks.

Emergency Services Report

In February, there were 11 EMS calls; three required transport and two required paramedic assistance.

There were four fire calls; two were structure fires, one brush fire and one service call.

There were 656 hours of training logged by members during February and on two occasions; there was joint training with Atlantic Beach Fire Department.

Hydrant painting is ongoing throughout the Town and the annual hydrant flow tests began on March 20.

The Town received \$132,000 this month from FEMA for reimbursement for Hurricane Ophelia debris removal and emergency responses. There is still approximately \$40,000 outstanding, but this should also be paid.

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March Commissioners Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

For the sixth year the Town received a Tree City flag and plaque presented by John Dunn, State Forester.

A motion was made and passed to invite a representative from the League of Municipalities to come to town to talk about changing the form of government. There will be a special meeting to discuss the differences between a town administrator and a town manager and it will be open to the public.

A motion was made and passed regarding a wellhead protection plan mandated by the federal government. The Town will work with the N.C. Rural Water Association at no cost to the Town because it is a member of the association.

A motion was made and passed to engage the Municipal Code Corporation to review Town ordinances and eliminate duplication, etc. This will be done over a three year period of time and will not change the current ordinances. Eventually, the Town ordinances will be posted on the website.

A plan to place dredging spoils from the sound onto the beach has hit a snag because the state considers that renourishment, resulting in more paperwork.

Dominic Baccollo was appointed to the planning board to replace Tom Tempel who resigned because of other commitments. Commissioner Peter thanked the citizens who applied for the post.

There will be three public hearings at the April commissioners meeting. One is for an ordinance amendment regarding minimum lot size, minimum street frontage and minimum lot widths on cul-de-sacs. Another is an ordinance amendment for dock size, and the third is an ordinance amendment for a residential landscape plan to be submitted along with the building permit.

The Bogue Pines Homeowners Association wants to have its canal dredged. The Town needs to sponsor this so that they can apply for grants and state funding. The vote was 2 for and 1 against (Ashland).

A traffic ordinance amendment regarding parades and demonstrations was passed. It should be noted that a permit is required (no cost).

The 933 Project update: Shore Protection Manager Greg Rudolph reports that meetings in Washington went well and additional money is being sought.

Town officials will ask the Corps of Engineers for a variance for safety reasons to have a park on the oceanside with 50 parking spaces rather than five public accesses every half-mile.

Good News: Ronda Lambert has reached first-level membership in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

Double Dates

Some residents, used to the usual once-a-month yard waste pick-up schedule, have questioned why The Shoreline calendar of events for March showed two pick-up dates. It wasn't a misprint. There are two pick-ups a month in March, April and May to accommodate the usually heavy volume of material put out by

people doing spring yard cleaning. It happens every spring. The calendar of events for April and May will show yard waste pick-ups on the second and fourth Thursdays. After that, when volume pretty much gets back to normal, the usual once-a-month (fourth Thursday) schedule will be in effect.

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