

Police Report

During June there were 84 calls for service including six vehicle accidents, six assist other agencies, 15 assist fire/EMS, one domestic, four town ordinance violations, 33 wellness checks, three alarms and three unlocked doors.

Thirty-seven citations involving 43 charges were issued for two driving while impaired, 13 speeding, one driving with a suspended license, three seatbelt violations, three drug violations, ten alcohol violations and 11 all other; 26 warning tickets were issued.

There were 88 residence checks and 321 business checks.

Police Chief Culpepper mentioned that all six motor vehicles involved in the accidents sustained heavy damage and people need to stay alert. Also, that the "flasher" has been seen at the west end of town.

Emergency Services

During June there were 47 calls for services, 17 of which were for EMS. Twelve patients were transported, nine of whom required paramedic assistance.

The fire department had 30 calls, nine of which were activated alarms, nine service calls and one outside fire. There were ten mutual aid calls.

Two hundred and ninety-four man-hours were spent in training during June.

The fire marshal's office was busy even though no inspections were scheduled. Two re-inspections were conducted to see if violations were corrected - one was corrected and a permit was issued, but the other still had violations. Alarm malfunctions continued at two locations. Shutters III alarm and sprinkler systems were inspected following the rebuilding of the structures.

July Commissioners Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

Janet Thomas, the town's new town clerk was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting. She is a certified municipal clerk and worked previously in Surf City.

There was a public hearing on rezoning of the property at 110 Salter Path Road from commercial to multi-family 1. Jim Bailey asked for support for a proposed project of 12 town homes in three buildings on this site. The commissioners asked questions about storm water and a package treatment plant and the zoning change was approved with the condition that there be no package treatment plant on the property.

During the work session earlier in the day, a letter was read on behalf of the owners of the Seabrook Project (corner of Oakleaf Drive and Salter Path Road) for a three-year extension of their permit and, after discussion, this was granted.

The town manager gave his report and there will be a meeting in August with the new auditor, the citizens committee and commissioners.

An early fire rating inspection has been requested, hoping to drop the town's ISO rating to a five.

The first billing of water bills by the town was successful and payments are arriving. All the well pumps were working at near capacity over the holiday weekend.

An amendment to the town's traffic and motor vehicles ordinance to prohibit parking along designated sections of highway 58 rights-of-way near two public beach accesses (Memorial Park and Iron Steamer) was approved. There will be a \$50 ticket for violations.

A stop sign at the corner of Fairways Court & Cypress Drive was approved.

Purchase of a commercial lawn mower for \$5,200 was approved. Areas near the wells have to be mowed, as well as the town's rights-of-way. Work will be done by the town's public works employees rather than hiring a contractor as a cost-saving measure.

Commissioner Lindblad was absent. The August 12 commissioners meeting will start at 10 a.m. with a break for lunch and will continue until all business is finished. There will be no separate work session.

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