

PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS MEETING

By Scott Sherrill

The June 8 Board of Commissioners meeting had a fairly short, but substantial, agenda. The mayor and all five commissioners were present, along with five members of the public and two attending online.

The meeting began with a few announcements of interest to the general public: the next board meeting will be on July 13 at 6 p.m., and town hall will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Mayor Jones did note that trash collection will proceed as normal on July 4. Commissioner Brodman made a note in the second public comment period that the annual Beach Cleanup will be on Tuesday, July 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Iron Steamer public beach access.

Mayor Jones administered the oath of office to Sarah Williams as Town Clerk, a position she will officially hold effective July 1 as current Town Clerk/Planning Administrator Scott Sherrill transitions to Town Planner, effective the same date. There is additional coverage of this transition elsewhere in this issue.

The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the April 27 and May 25 meetings, was approved unanimously.

Town Manager Kramer's report focused on the release of the flood insurance rate map and a project the town is engaging in with Moffat-Nichol, an engineering firm, to investigate some areas of town that did not fare as well as others in preliminary drafts of the new flood maps. He reported that tropical storm Colin had minimal impact in the town, but the town did move about 2.2 million gallons of water to the sound, and the town's groundwater table monitoring has had some success in gauging the likelihood of flooding in a rain event, which will be useful in the future in making pumping decisions. He briefed the board that the town is considering a second pipe to the golf course ponds to draw down the ponds at Reefstone/Bermuda Greens, and is in discussions with the country club about running a test to see the impact on the pond levels. He also briefed the board that work is ongoing with the Coastal Federation for some right of way drainage options.

Town Manager Kramer also informed the board that the NCDOT encroachment paperwork has been submitted by Arendell Engineering to Division 2 in New Bern, so that segment is moving through the approval process.

In the other staff reports, Building Inspector Jim Taylor provided an update on permits issued for the month: \$414,944.45 in construction value with \$4,564.47 in permit fees. Police Chief Ryan Thompson informed the board that his department received a \$25,000 state grant for new in-vehicle cameras. Fire Chief Jason Baker stated that he would schedule a hurricane safety brief during June but had not yet determined a date. Public Services Director Sonny Cunningham reported that he scheduled cleanout of the town's stormwater drains and that the replacement meters have arrived for single-family residential meters. Summer Intern Alex Gottschalk reported that he, the mayor, and town manager went to Raleigh earlier in the day for the North Carolina League of Municipalities' Town Hall Day for

the opportunity to meet with legislators. Town Clerk-appointed Sarah Williams provided updated recycling and solid waste numbers.

Public hearings were held on both the FY2016-2017 budget and a revised sign ordinance, both of which were approved unanimously. There was one technical amendment to the sign ordinance relating to commercial sign regulation applicability to restaurants/hotels in the MF-1 zoning district. The board also approved a solid waste contract with Waste Industries: there will be no increase in solid waste fees in FY2016-2017.

In commissioner updates, Commissioner Edwards mentioned low-tech stormwater solutions that he observed on a recent trip to Oak Island and referenced a desire for more information to be distributed on the town's right of way. Mayor Jones provided an update on legislation of interest from Town Hall Day.

Intern Alex Gottschalk provided a presentation to the board on streetlights, ultimately recommending 12-foot extensions at intersections of Juniper Road and Mimosa Boulevard with Highway 58 in the interest of pedestrian safety, and a new light at the utility pole in front of the Hampton Inn. The board approved the request unanimously.

The board also approved signing on to and contributing funds towards an amicus curiae brief for the *Nies v. Town of Emerald Isle* case, which involves the interaction of private property and public trust beach. Full minutes of the meeting will be available in the materials for the July 13 Board of Commissioners meeting.

As noted above, the full minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings are included in the agenda packets that are publicly available through the calendar on the town website (townofpks.com) and are sent out via email prior to the next month's regular board meeting. If you have questions about access to the minutes, contact Town Clerk Sarah Williams at 247-4353, ext. 13.

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