

Pink Hill Town Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2025

This month's Pink Hill Board of Commissioner's meeting was held on June 10th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Robert Elmore Board Room. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Mike Horne, Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Commissioner Penny Murphy, Town Attorney Anna Herring, Town Clerk Lauren Smith, Police Chief Michael Hoffman and Officer John Weaver.

Mayor Horne called the meeting to order & asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were: Tony Esposito, Suzie Baker, Pete & Kristin Fantini, Brandon & Rhiley Marshburn, Candice Patrick, Paige Marshburn, Sandy Marshburn, Josh Dunham & Doug & Karen Kennedy.

Mayor Horne referenced meeting protocol & the conflict-of-interest statement

Public Comments:

Tony Esposito began with an update on the Neighborhood Watch Program, including details on the last quarterly meeting held, recent events where information was distributed. He added that the date of the next quarterly meeting will be on August 19th.

Next, on behalf of the Pink Hill Parade Committee, Suzie Baker updated the Board about preliminary work being done to help the Parade regain its former success.

Mayor Horne then requested a motion to move the swearing in of Brandon Marshburn as Commissioner to precede the approval of the June Agenda.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 2-0; motion carries

The Mayor then proceeded to Swear in Commissioner Brandon Marshburn allowing him to immediately take his seat with the Board.

Finally, Mayor Horne also requested moving the Presentation of Recognition of Community Service to former Commissioner Pete Fantini & his wife Kristin, which was

approved & the presentation was held. Chief Fantini expressed his sincere gratitude for the gesture & there were several comments of appreciation from the board & visitors.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve the June agenda
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote was unanimous; motion carries

Approval of the Minutes:

- Commissioner Marshburn made a motion to approve the May minutes
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Financial Reports:

The Clerk noted that Financial Reports were up to date with the exception of the Water Fund, with the prior month's report being included in binders.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Horne gave Water Department updates including the Public Work's repair of several water lines & sink holes.
- The Monthly Fire Report had not been submitted as of the day of the meeting.
- The Monthly Police Report for May was included in binders & read by Commissioner Whitfield.

Old Business:

Mayor Horne requested a motion for the Board to accept one of the Employee Health Benefits quotes presented at the May meeting but tabled due to lack of information provided on one of the quotes, which has since been provided.

- Commissioner Whitfield moved to accept the quote provided by J.D. Lee with R.A. Lee & Associates out of Warsaw
- Seconded by Commissioner Murphy
- Vote was unanimous, motion carries

New Business:

Mayor Horne requested a motion to open a Public Hearing for the Close-Out of the Town's Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization program.

- Commissioner Marshburn made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Ben Jones conducted the Hearing on behalf of the Town's CDBG Administrator, The Adams Company, Inc. The Town was funded \$750,000.00 in 2021 to demolish & rebuild 4 homes, with 3 being completed. The total of the funds spent was \$589,544.83 with the remainder to be de-obligated to the State. Upon completion, the Department of Commerce will conduct a close-out monitoring visit to the Town in the coming months. The presentation was followed by an opportunity for public questions & comments. The Mayor then requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous, motion carries

Next, Mayor Horne requested a motion to accept a proposal received from the NCLM for the Town's Property, Liability & Worker's Compensation insurance for the 25-26 Fiscal Year

- Commissioner Murphy made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Whitfield
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

The Mayor then requested a motion to adopt the FY 25-26 Budget Ordinance with a revenue neutral tax rate following the Public Hearing immediately preceding tonight's regular Board Meeting.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous, motion carries

Mayor Horne next requested a Resolution adopting the newest Neuse River Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will in-turn be added to the plan by NCEM in order to obtain final approval from FEMA.

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote 3-0; motion carries

Finally, the Mayor updated the Board on the progress of the proposed Food Truck Ordinance currently being drafted under the direction of Town Attorney Anna Herring with the help of Carlton Gideon with the ECC. A discussion yielded a potential public hearing ahead of ordinance adoption & a decision for updates to be provided at the next regular Board meeting.

Comments by BOC: None

Motion to Adjourn:

- Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to Adjourn.
- Seconded by Commissioner Marshburn
- Vote was unanimous

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Lauren Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes from the Town of Pink Hill Board of Commissioners May 13, 2025 regular board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Pink Hill, North Carolina, this the 8th day of July, 2025.



Lauren Smith, Town Clerk

Attest/Seal

