

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
April 20, 2015
Pine Hill Borough Hall
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk, Patricia Hendricks delivered the Sunshine Law and the awareness for the town.

Roll Call: Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk
Councilman Warrington-absent, Councilwoman McCullen-present, Councilman Knott-present, Councilman Jaxel-present, Councilman Robb-present, Councilman Burke-present, Mayor Green-present, Mr. Schultz-present, Mrs. Hendricks-present, Mr. Patterson-present, Mr. Cray-present, Mr. Cardis-present

Mayor Green read proclamation for the Municipal Clerks Week (May 3 – 9, 2015).

Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2015 – Closed Session
March 2, 2015 – Closed Session
March 16, 2015 – Closed Session
April 13, 2015

Motion to Approve: Councilman Robb, 2nd Councilman Burke
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Approval of Bills: April 2015

Motion to Approve: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 4 yes votes Councilman Burke Abstained

Committee Reports: March 2015

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green asked Council if there were any matters to be discussed. Council had no matters to be discussed.

RESOLUTION #2015-64 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Public Hearing

Mayor Green read the Resolution

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilwoman McCullen
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Motion to move Resolution #2015-64: Councilman Jaxel, 2nd Councilman Burke
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

George Schaefer – 125 Bramau Court

Mr. Schaefer reported that he was representing the neighbors of Bramau Avenue and Bramau Court. He stated that they have been trying to resolve a couple of problems within the neighborhood for two years and have been unsuccessful. Mr. Schaefer commented that he has a signed petition to present to Mayor and Council. He stated that he has contacted the code enforcement, police and the Mayor who referred him to someone in the Borough. He reported that there were chickens and roosters at the residence that they were concerned about; which he was told that they were not allowed there and it has been two years and one month and they are still there. He commented that the home in question has ten vehicles in the yard, a bucket truck, 14 trailers, tons of trash, resident has built 3 sheds, resident has put a wood burning stove in and it is a junk house. He reported that the resident has no permit for a wood burning stove. He stated that there are dozens of air conditioners and tires at this residence. He commented that they have called and gone to the Borough various times and get help from no one. Mr. Schaefer invited everyone to come to Bramau Avenue to see the home.

Mayor Green reported that the Borough has been out every month for the last two years. He stated that there is no ordinance that prevents a resident from having vehicles as long as they are registered. He commented that all of the vehicles have been checked and they are all registered. Mayor Green stated as far as the sheds go they are temporary structures and they are allowed to have them.

Mr. Schaefer commented that so what is being said is that no one can do anything about this.

Mayor Green reported that they will take a look again but we do continue to go out there every month because we know it is an issue. He stated unfortunately the Borough does not have an ordinance that protects boats, trailers and as long as the vehicles are registered they are legally allowed to be on the property. He reported that the Borough sent the DEP out for a complaint in that area not sure what house it was in regards to sewer.

Mr. Schaefer commented that the home has no electricity, no water and no sewer.

Mayor Green stated that a residence does not have to have electricity and that it would not be in violation. He reported that as far as the taxes go they have been paid on the property.

Mr. Schaefer asked in regards to permits with the wood burning stove.

Mayor Green reported that they would need to have a permit and the Borough would need to know about it.

Mr. Schaefer commented that the Fire Department has been out three times because the house in question burns trash in their yard.

Mayor Green stated that the Fire Department would have to cite them.

Mayor Green reported that the Borough will confirm whether or not there is a permit for the wood burning stove. He commented that he believes the Construction Official was out at the home, did get into the house and at that time the resident did have a permit. Mayor Green stated it was several months ago maybe this same time last year but he is allowed to have a wood burning stove.

Resident (Frank) at Bramau Avenue

Resident stated that they could go on Mr. Schaefer's property to see the house in question because he will allow them to do that since the law does not allow people just to go on other peoples' property.

Norma Murray – 36 Bramau Avenue

Ms. Murray commented in regards to when is a home considered a fire hazard and how would someone get to that point.

Mayor Green reported that it would be up to the Pine Hill Fire Commission. He stated again they cannot go on the property because the law does not allow people just to go on other peoples' property.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Robb, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Council Reports:

Councilman Jaxel reported to everyone that the Senior Luncheon will be Friday, May 1st at noon.

Councilwoman McCullen reported that Parks and Rec met last Saturday. She commented that they reached an agreement on the approvals for the Spring/Summer activities at the Bowen Field. She stated that they are presently in a mutual agreement for most of the soccer and football camp activities through the months of July and August.

Councilman Burke reported that the Environmental Committee is looking to have the Community Garden land tested. He commented in regards to the Administrative Coop Program at Rutgers and how the process would work.

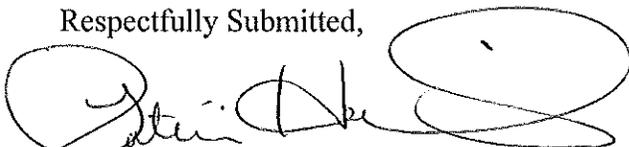
Mr. Cray reported that the Spruce Lane curb work is to be done this week. He stated after the curb work they will come back and pave.

Mr. Patterson reported that the King George project will be starting up again.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk