

Borough of Pine Hill
Council Meeting
April 4, 2016
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-present, Councilwoman McCullen-present, Councilman Knott-present, Councilman Jaxel-present, Councilman Robb-present, Councilman Burke-present, Mayor Green-present, Mr. Greer-present, Mrs. Hendricks-present, Mr. Patterson-present, Mr. Angelastro-present, Mr. Cardis-absent

Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2016

Motion to approve: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

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

ORDINANCE #2016-941 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-937 AMENDING, RADIFYING, AND RE-ADOPTING
CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL CAPTIONED
"REGISTERING OF RENTAL PROPERTIES"

Public Hearing

Mayor Green read the Ordinance

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 6 yes votes
Motion to move Ordinance #2016-941: Councilman Robb, 2nd Councilman Knott
Roll Call: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2016-83 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion to Move Resolution #2016-83: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2016-84 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL
AUTHORIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PINE HILL BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Motion to Move Resolution #2016-84: Councilwoman McCullen, 2nd Councilman Warrington
Roll Call: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION #2016-85 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL APPOINTING A DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL MUNICIPAL COURT

Motion to Move Resolution #2016-85: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Jaxel
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Green opened the floor to the public.

Les Gallagher – 49 East Cloverdale Avenue

Mr. Gallagher thanked Mayor and Council for the approval of the SRO. He commented that it is a great help in the school and it makes a difference for the kids.

Mayor Green replied thank you.

Walt Davis – 1 Franklin Avenue

Mr. Davis asked in regards to the budget; if there is a cap on how high it can go and how it is made up in regards to expenses.

Mayor Green reported that there is an appropriations cap which is 2.5%; it can be extended by ordinance to 3.5% and if it is not used it can be banked for a certain number of years.

Mr. Davis asked about the property tax process.

Mayor Green stated that there is a 2% cap on property taxes.

Mr. Patterson reported that property taxes are based on what the County gives the Borough for its equalized valuation of the town. He commented that at that point the CFO and the Tax Assessor confirm what the tax rate is going to be.

Mr. Davis asked about there being one million unpaid taxes listed on the budget.

Mayor Green commented that the Borough is required by law to keep a certain portion of money reserved for uncollected taxes which is based on the Borough's tax collection rates.

Mr. Davis commented that it looks like one million was not paid by the taxpayers; it is delinquent.

Mayor Green reported that it could be. He stated if you do not pay your taxes then you would go to tax sale and that all adds up.

Mr. Davis commented that it is a lot of money.

Mayor Green stated that he did not think it had been any less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars or eight hundred thousand; it has been pretty consistent over the years.

Mr. Davis commented that about five years ago the Borough did appraisals on everybody's property and then the tax brackets were lowered.

Mayor Green reported that in 2008 when the Borough did the assessment; the amount the assessment went up the taxes had to go down. He stated that the result of that was that the Borough collected the same amount of money.

Mr. Davis stated that right now taxes have gone up approximately 5%.

Mayor Green commented that he did not know the exact dollar amount, but said that taxes have gone up.

Mr. Davis commented that something needs to be done about the taxes continually going up.

Mayor Green stated that he did not disagree, but what is the Borough going to do not have police and not pick up trash.

Mr. Davis stated that maybe the Borough should have bought one car instead of two.

Mayor Green stated that the Borough needed two cars and that is why they bought them. Mayor Green commented that maybe the state should quit relying on property taxes to fund local governments which most states do and reinvent the formula.

Mr. Davis commented that he understood that it is a problem throughout every state. Mr. Davis stated that peoples' wages are not gone up and the taxes just keep going up so something is going to have to be done.

Motion to close the floor to the public: Councilman Knott, 2nd Councilman Robb
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

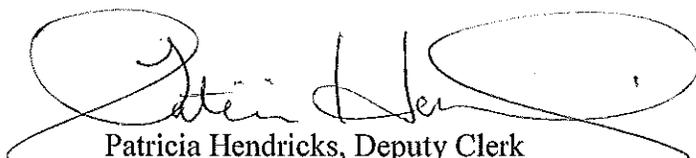
Mayor Green asked Council if there were any reports. Council had nothing to report.

Mayor Green reported that he just received a letter stating that the Borough was awarded a \$200,000.00 DOT Grant to resurface Fourth Avenue, which will go from Erial Road to the school.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Warrington, 2nd Councilman Knott
All in Favor: 6 yes votes

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Hendricks, Deputy Clerk