



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 08:29 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. John Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Tom Hennie, Councilmember
Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager
Mr. Jason Whitaker, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk

And approximately 4 attendees, including 3 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Discussion About Broadband Installation in Our Village Right of Ways

Mr. Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager, and Mr. Mike Apke, Public Services Director, discussed how installation of broadband services within the Village align with goals set out in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan implementation strategies, the legal framework relating to control of streets and right-of-ways and implementation of fees, potential limitations to preventing providers from using Village right-of-ways for the installation of services, providers that have expressed an interest in offering services to portions of the Village, the potential impact of the installation of these services on the condition of the right-of-ways and any existing utilities in these areas, the challenges communities will face when trying to manage the construction involved with multiple providers installing their services, the need for the Village to seek legal counsel on what rights the Village has to limit or regulate the installation of broadband services, the review process for encroachment agreements relating to utilities, whether responses to encroachment agreements are subject to time limits, adding language to the encroachment agreement that would help to ensure performance of the providers' work meets the expectations or standards of the Village, and the possibility of moving forward with smaller projects / areas versus larger projects / areas to start.

3. SMPO Discussion

Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, reviewed highlights from the September 14, 2023 SMPO Formation Meeting, and stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the SMPO requires agreement from the Village of Pinehurst and Southern Pines in order to be adopted. Council and Mr. Sanborn further discussed the question of including a weighted vote as part of the MOU voting rules

and verified the Village's preference for a weighted vote to be included.

4. Other Work Session Business

Mayor Strickland provided details on his travels to Dornoch, Scotland and the potential the recent agreement between the Village of Pinehurst and Dornoch holds for both communities.

5. Potential Future Agenda Items

None.

6. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session at 09:20 p.m., by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk

A videotape of this meeting is located on the Village website: www.vopnc.org

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community, which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement