



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2023
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
09:00 AM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Special Meeting at 09:00 AM, Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Council Conference Room of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina and via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Mr. John Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Acting Village Clerk

And approximately 5 attendees and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM.

Mayor Strickland outlined the meeting procedures to be followed and provided a brief introduction of the candidates to be interviewed.

Councilmember Boesch asked to review the additional four questions proposed by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella (1. Have you ever attended a VOP Council meeting?, 2. If you have, have you ever spoken during the Public Comments time period?, 3. Have you signed up for the MYVOP app?, and 4. Have you ever applied to be a member of one of the VOP Advisory Boards or Committees in the past?). Concern over whether a negative response to any of the proposed questions would result in a negative view of the Applicant. Mr. Pizzella stated the intention behind the proposed additional questions was not to negatively judge the Applicants should they answer "No" to any of the questions. It was determined to remove the portion of questioning pertaining to the use of the MYVOP app.

Of the agreed upon list of standardized questions, Council agreed Councilmember Morgan would ask question 1, Councilmember Boesch would ask question 2, Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella would ask question 3, and Mayor Strickland would ask questions 4, 5 and 6 (time permitting).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the Special Meeting was recessed at 09:20 AM for a 25-minute break. Approved by a vote of 4-0.

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 09:47 AM.

Mayor Strickland reiterated the meeting procedures to be followed and brief introduction of the candidates to be interviewed.

2. Council Interviewed the Following Candidates:

- Kevin Drum
- Tom Hennie
- Brandon Lankford

All candidates present were asked the following questions:

- 1) Could you tell us about yourself and what led you to seek this appointment in five minutes or less?
- 2) Please tell us what skills, abilities, or strengths you would bring to the Council in five minutes or less.
- 3) We have five minutes allocated for this question. What are you most satisfied and least satisfied with regarding recent Village Council actions and decisions, and why? Have you ever attended a Village Council meeting? Have you ever spoken during the Public Comments time period?
- 4) We have two minutes allocated for this question. The Village Council has typically scheduled meetings for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 4:30. Would you foresee any problems with being able to attend all scheduled Council meetings?
- 5) We have another two minutes allocated for this final question. The appointment is until December 2023. If not selected for this open Council seat, might you consider serving on one of Pinehurst's volunteer boards or commissions? Have you ever applied to be a member of one of the VOP Advisory Boards or Committees in the past?
- 6) Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

In addition to the previous six questions, Councilmember Boesch asked Mr. Tom Hennie how his time volunteering for the Citizens on Patrol group has given him a unique perspective of life in the Village, and Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella asked Mr. Lankford whether he has viewed Council meetings online.

The Special Meeting was recessed at 10:36 AM for a 10-minute break.

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 10:44 AM.

3. Council Discussion on Candidates Interviewed

Council scored each candidate on a scale of one (1) to three (3) with one (1) being their top choice.

Mayor Strickland: Mr. Drum - 3; Mr. Hennie - 1; Mr. Lankford - 2

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella: Mr. Drum - 3; Mr. Hennie - 1; Mr. Lankford - 2

Councilmember Boesch: Mr. Drum - 3; Mr. Hennie - 1; Mr. Lankford - 2

Councilmember Morgan: Mr. Drum - 2; Mr. Hennie - 1; Mr. Lankford - 3

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously appointed Mr. Tom Hennie to fill the current vacant Council seat by a vote of 4-0.

4. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the special meeting at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou
Acting Village Clerk

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