



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2021
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember attended remotely via Zoom

In addition, approximately 37 attendees, including 11 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Reports:

Village Manager

- No Report

Village Council

- Councilmember Boesch: No Report
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis reported she attended a bridal shower this weekend and was pleased to hear so many accolades on Pinehurst Village and its accomplishments
- Councilmember Hogeman reported the Pinehurst Business Partners launched a "Late til Eight", occurring on the fourth Thursday of the month throughout the summer, beginning on June 24th.
- Councilmember Drum reported the Partners in Progress, with Natalie Hawkins direction, are beginning to look at their measurable, deliverables, and how to better connect with the communities.
- Mayor Strickland reported he attended the Partners in Progress meeting as well and noted he agreed that different partnerships need to be formed, which will mean more reaction with all municipalities in Moore County. He reported the Sandhill's Motoring Festival, which occurred on Sunday, was well attended with approximately 150 cars entered. He stated he presented a 1920s Italian vehicle with the Mayors award. He thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for putting it together.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

- Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes.
 - May 19, 2021 Council Budget Work Session
 - May 19, 2021 Closed Session
 - May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - May 25, 2021 Work Session
- Public Safety Reports
 - April, 2021 Fire Report
 - April, 2021 Police Report

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved the Consent agenda by a vote of 5-0.

4. Present Joel Shriberg with Resolution 21-04, Honoring Him for His Service with the Village of Pinehurst Planning & Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Strickland presented Joel Shriberg with a framed Copy of Resolution 21-04, honoring him for his years of service with the Village of Pinehurst, serving on the Planning & Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment and thanked him for his service and dedication. He stated Joel was an integral part of the Board and he brought many wonderful things to the Board. Mr. Shriberg thanked everyone and offered a special thank you to Councilmember Hogeman.

5. Presentation of Volunteer Champion Club Nominees and Winner.

The Village of Pinehurst depends heavily on the dedication of community volunteers to help ensure the Village runs smoothly. To recognize their commitment to our community, the Village presents one volunteer with the Champion's Club Award. Village Manager Sanborn stated each year, the Village calls for nominations for the award to be considered by the selection committee that includes senior staff and council members. Three volunteers were nominated for the award, Nancy Donahue, Janet Farrell and Susan Strine. Village Manager Jeff Sanborn said the committee had a tough decision to make with the three qualified candidates. Mr. Sanborn stated, "You are all doing exceptional work for our community," said Sanborn. "We owe all our volunteers a tremendous amount of thanks for the work they do." Normally, the award is presented during the Annual Volunteer Lunch held in the spring, but with the COVID-19 restrictions, the luncheon has been cancelled for the second year in a row.

Nominated by a team of staff members, Janet Farrell was nominated due to her positive and productive impact to the Village of Pinehurst Beautification Committee. Susan Strine has served on the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee and was nominated by Kevin Brewer from the Village of Pinehurst. Nancy Donahue, nominated by Jill Lazusky, is the 2021 Champion's Club recipient. Ms. Donahue demonstrates the Village's core values of service, initiative, teamwork, and improvement in all her duties – a condition to be eligible for the award. Add their special things they did in here -

Nancy volunteers at the George P. Lane Welcome Center, located in the Theatre Building, where she consistently goes above and beyond by signing up for extra shifts to ensure the Welcome Center stays open. Ms. Donahue worked 78 shifts, which equaled 33% of all shifts available in one year. Her name will be added to the Champion's Award plaque displayed in Village Hall and she was presented with a framed picture of the Welcome Center and a Champion's Club trophy.

6. Discuss and Consider Ordinance #21-07 for a proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map for a portion of Moore County PID # 00025800.

Mayor stated this is a continuation of the discussion and consideration of the proposed amendment to the official zoning map for a portion of Moore County PID # 00025800. He stated Council and the Applicant have been working toward an agreement on meeting specific conditions. The Resort Management team updated Council on work and updates that have occurred since the May 25th Council update.

Richard Higginbotham, CFO of the Applicant's LLC, provided architectural renderings offering different viewpoints of what the lodge facility might look like during varying times of the day. He updated council on proposed parking for the lodge and the USGA Golf House. Mr. Higginbotham stated there is a demand for 167 parking spaces and that the main club campus is proposing to increase current parking spots to 178, with an additional 100 more spots (or 60 if broken down to shuttle size spaces). He noted this would

be a total increased supply of 278 / 111 or 66% beyond PDO requirements.

Mayor Strickland inquired about the plans for the tennis area at this time and Barbara Summers and Marie Carbrey, representatives of the Women's Exchange voiced their continued concerns about the flooding that occurs to their building, which sits directly behind the tennis courts. He said this decision is still not decided yet and what has been presented is just proof of concept that shows that we could fulfill the number of spaces. He stated if they did use the tennis court area the tennis building would be used for something else. Mr. Higginbotham stated they were aware of the concerns and noted a decision has not been made on whether the tennis area would be used as parking. He stated there would be little impervious surface increased and as tennis courts are designed to be flat, parking lots can be curved and manipulated to alter the direction of drainage. He further noted any decisions and solutions would of course go through the approval process with the Village, when the time comes for final parking facility decisions.

Councilmembers discussed the need for a more defined parking plan and Mayor Strickland and Council agreed that a task force would be formed to develop this plan over the next couple of weeks and would return at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting and present their findings. Village Manager Jeff Sanborn stated there is no current overflow from the resort parking now, and that is what the responsibility of Municipalities is, to monitor and maintain appropriate traffic flow. He stated that maybe they can make it a condition to complete the proposed parking area at the Greenhouse and then relook at the proposed Carolina Hotel area parking. Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked when the construction drawings will be available and Mr. Higginbotham reported they hoped by the end of the year or early 2022.

Mayor Strickland thanked the Applicants and their team for their updated information and directed Council to take a quick break, returning at 6:50 p.m.

7. Discuss and Consider Resolutions 21-10 & 21-11 to Commit Fund Balance.

Brooke Hunter, Finance Director, presented two resolutions to Council for consideration. She stated the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 established fund balance classifications and the various constraints for each category. The categories listed from most to least restrictive are as follows: nonspendable (not in spendable form – i.e. inventory), restricted (by external sources), committed (by the government's highest decision-making authority), assigned (intended to be used for specific purposes), and unassigned (can be used for any purpose). Ms. Hunter stated there are two purposes for which the Village Council has expressed desires to commit fund balance as of June 30, 2021: 1) Given Memorial Library & Tufts Archives building improvements and other operational improvements and 2) future capital. She noted that once the Council commits a portion of fund balance, those constraints may only be changed by another formal action by the Council.

Ms. Hunter stated on March 1, 2021, the Village Council and the Given Memorial Library/Tufts Archives Board signed a non-binding agreement outlining the future they see for the library and archives. One of the terms of this agreement included the Village's intent to commit \$1,000,000 of General Fund fund balance for the purpose of enhancing library services and archives resources for the existing Given Memorial Library & Tufts Archives building. Approval of the attached Resolution 21-10 will commit these funds for improvements to the existing building and other operational improvements. Included in the proposed FY 2022 budget ordinance to be considered on June 8th is a provision to approve the use of \$725,000 of the \$1,000,000 committed funds for the following capital uses in FY 2022: \$400,000 for library/archives expansion design, \$275,000 for accessibility improvements to the existing building, and \$50,000 to install internet fiber to the building.

Ms. Hunter stated on February 9, 2021, the Village's Fund Balance Policy was amended by Resolution 21-03 to include a provision to commit a percentage of fund balance for future capital needs if fund balance at year-end exceeds 40% of actual General Fund expenditures. This commitment may take place in the form of a separate resolution each year to ensure a clear trail of Council's intent to commit the funds for future capital. The calculation of fund balance committed for future capital will occur after fiscal year end and will be reported in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Approval of the attached Resolution 21-11 will commit these excess funds for future capital.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council unanimously approved resolution 21-10 to commit a Portion of Fund Balance of \$725,000 for the following capital uses in FY 2022: \$400,000 for library/archives expansion design, \$275,000 for accessibility improvements to the existing library building, and \$50,000 to install internet fiber to the existing library building and to approve resolution 21-11 to commit a portion of fund balance in the general fund to future capital by a vote of 5-0.

8. Discuss and Consider Ordinance 21-09 Adopting the FY 2022 Budget for the Village of Pinehurst.

Brooke Hunter, Finance Director, presented Budget Ordinance #21-09 adopting the Village of Pinehurst FY 2022 Budget to Council for review and approval. She noted this ordinance is based on the budget that was presented by the Village Manager on May 11, 2021, and no changes have been made to the budgeted amounts since that time. Councilmember Boesch stated she is pleased with the staff's ability to keep the tax rate stable and the great work they do.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved ordinance 21-09 adopting the FY 2022 Budget for the Village of Pinehurst by a vote of 5-0.

9. Discuss and Consider Solid Waste Contract for Lofton Garbage Services for FY 2022.

Mike Apke, P.E., Public Services and Engineering Director, stated Lofton is currently one of two Garbage Services that collect for CCNC, however, the estimated value of the second provider's contract (Becky's Rubbish) is well under the Village Manager's threshold for execution. The proposed Lofton Garbage Service contract renewal is for 12 months beginning on July 1, 2021 and extending through June 30, 2022. It includes a CPI adjusted rate increase for FY22. The value of Lofton's contract is estimated to be approximately \$115,000, with the actual amount being based on the total number of residences served during the contract period. As a comparison, the value of the Becky's Rubbish contract is estimated to be approximately \$16,500.

Mr. Apke stated staff reached out to the solid waste representative for the CCNC HOA, who expressed that the community is satisfied with both Lofton Garbage Service and Becky's Rubbish, and expressed no concerns with renewing both contracts for FY22. He stated that in order to continue services with Lofton Garbage Service, Council would need to adopt a motion authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the contract renewal.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract between The Village of Pinehurst and Lofton Garbage Services for fiscal year 2022 by a vote of 5-0.

10. Consider extension for Waste Management Services

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, stated this item is to re-consider the extension of the solid waste services contract for Pinewild. He noted there was some issues raised at the May 25th Council meeting when this item was under consideration, which he stated, since that date, he had been in contact with Waste Management and the PPOA Manager on several occasions and the primary area of concern expressed is with hydraulics leaks and breakdowns resulting in delays of service. Because of these discussions, Waste Management has provided information to both myself and the PPOA Manager about additional steps taken to include re-training of operators in the pre- and post- trip inspections. They are pulling vehicles in the shop on a regular rotation for the mechanics to complete more in-depth inspections, they have spare trucks to put in circulation if a truck needs to be taken out of service for additional repair and they can mobilize a replacement vehicle to complete routes in the event of breakdowns.

Mr. Batton stated Waste Management has agreed to a one-year extension with no CPI increase with an optional second year renewal that would include a CPI increase. This will serve as a one-year probationary period to see if maintenance issues are improved. Mr. Batton stated based on the responsiveness of Waste Management and the steps that have, and are, being taken, I believe it is appropriate to renew their contract for one year with the ability to exercise the second year option at our discretion.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract amendment, extending the terms through June 30, 2022, between the Village of Pinehurst and Waste Management of Carolinas for solid waste services to Pinewild for fiscal year 2022 by a vote of 5-0.

11. Other Business

Councilmember Hogeman stated that with respect to the Bill that provides Municipalities will not be allowed to create a tree ordinance without first getting permission from the State legislature; she would like to write a letter from the Council in opposition to it. She said it is a degradation to local power and autonomy. Village Manager Sanborn said it would take away our future authority to do things we may want to do in the future. Mayor Strickland and Council agreed to allow Councilmember Hogeman to write the letter and send it to multiple avenues for the greatest impact.

12. Comments from Attendees.

- Steve Saye, 5 McDonald Road East, Pinehurst – Mr. Saye stated that he would like to see Council continue to make sure the Pinehurst Resort meets half way on issues such as parking, but also on the parking flow issue where the small circle is, as this will increase with the new USGA building and lodge. He also stated the Resort argues the bar will only be for the guests, but he stated that is not correct and we must remember that we must look at this from a reality standpoint. He pointed out that the Brewery is a great example of being told what will occur and the reality of what does occur. He encouraged Council to continue to consider not only the parking issue but also the parking flow. He noted he supports the resort and he supports their efforts, but he wants to make sure all their decisions are in the best consideration for the community. He stated Council should move forward in a trust but verify mode.

13. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Chance,
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