



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023
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 April 11, 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 C. Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember via Zoom Platform
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember was not present due to illness.

And approximately 14 attendees, including 5 staff and 1 press

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order. A note was made that Councilmember Morgan would be attending via Zoom and Councilmember Boesch would be an excused absence due to illness.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously voted to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Boesch, by a vote of 4-0.

2. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, reported he and Mayor Strickland met with leaders from other municipalities in southern Moore County, Moore County leadership, and leadership from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to further conversations about the formation of the required Municipal Metropolitan Planning Organization, now required due to meeting a census threshold of 50,000 people within a defined geographical area. He stated conversation centered on finance availability, procedural requirements, and options for defining a geographical footprint that would be under the planning auspices of the new organization. He noted one of the local government organizations in Moore County would need to be identified as the lead planning organization and stated the group will meet again on May 1st.

Mr. Sanborn announced Village Hall, Given Library, and Parks and Recreation facilities were experiences problems with credit card transactions, due to a vendor problem with their software, and would be unable to accept credit card payments until approximately Friday.

Village Council

- Mayor Strickland had nothing to report.
- Councilmember Morgan had nothing to report but voiced his appreciation of the Village Information Technology team for their effort in coordinating his ability to attend the council meetings via the zoom platform.
- Councilmember Hogeman reported she attended the Beautification committee meeting on April 3rd, along with Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, where a presentation from the Sandhills Horticultural Society, which runs the Sandhills Community College Gardens, was provided. She noted an interest was expressed by the organization in partnering with the Beautification committee in co-sponsoring some lectures on the Sandhills ecosystem. Councilmember Hogeman reported the Beautification committee is also proceeding the working on the new downtown plantings and are considering some new street planters to enhance the Market Square, utilizing funds received from a grant for commercial appearance.

Councilmember Hogeman reported, thanks to Assistant Village Manager Jeff Batton, the railroad trestle will be receiving a new paint job, which happens to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the building of the railroad trestle. She noted the Beautification committee will also be presenting the new Warren H. Manning award for landscaping garden design in July, and there is a possibility of as many as three awards. She further noted the new guide being released soon will be showing a transition to Native species and will be providing these guides to area realtors to hand out to new homeowners.

- Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella provided a brief report, provided by Councilmember Boesch, on the Bicycle and Pedestrian meeting. He reported they had an interesting discussion about pedestrian bicycle safety awareness and education and will be working to determine the best path in sharing information with local bike clubs.

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella reminded residents the Live after Five series begins this week at the Arboretum and the Sandhills Dog Fair is taking place on Saturday at 9 a.m. in Tufts Park.

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.

A. Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes

- March 28, 2023, Council Regular Meeting
- March 28, 2023, Council Work Session

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved the Consent agenda by a vote of 4-0.

4. Discuss and Consider Ordinance #23-08 – PDO Amendments Creating Planned Community Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Lodging Accommodations.

Mayor Strickland stated this agenda item is to discuss Ordinance #23-08, to discuss planned community neighborhoods. He stated it was pointed out that he is a member of the Country Club in North Carolina, but under state law, he is required as an elected official to vote unless there's a conflict deemed with any issue coming before the council. He stated he discussed this with the Village Manager and Village attorney and finds that he does not have any conflict and therefore under his elected responsibility will vote on this issue if it comes to a vote tonight.

Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director, presented Ordinance #23-08, PDO Amendments Creating Planned Community Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Lodging Accommodations for Council consideration. He stated the draft Ordinance contains language which represents feedback and direction from Village Council. He presented the minor revisions to some language and stated staff seeks Council approval.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #23-08, Pinehurst Development Ordinance amendments creating planned Community neighborhoods and neighborhood lodging accommodations in the Village of Pinehurst and find it is consistent with the 2019 Comprehensive Master Plan, by a vote of 4-0.

5. Discuss and Consider Resolution #23-11 Updates to the Public Facility and Naming Policy.

Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager of Administration, reported staff has reviewed the existing "Recognition and Public Facility Naming Policy." He stated after the review, staff has suggested adding section nine, which deals with the duration and modification of the names of public facilities. He noted that as the policy currently stands, there is no guidance for renaming or ending the name of a public facility. He stated adding section nine would provide direction to future councils that may need or want to rename a public facility.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved Resolution #23-11 Updates to the Public Facility and Naming Policy, by a vote of 4-0.

6. Discuss and Consider Resolution #23-12, Updates to the Streetlight Policy.

Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager of Administration, reported staff has reviewed the existing Streetlight Policy and has suggested minor changes to simplify the policy. He provided an overview of the minor changes and stated staff is presenting Resolution #23-12 for Council consideration for approval.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved Resolution #23-12, updates to the Streetlight Policy, by a vote of 4-0.

7. Discuss and Consider Resolution #23-13, Supporting Roadway Safety Enhancements on Midland Road.

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, presented Resolution #23-13, intended to support roadway safety enhancements on Midland Road, at the request of the N.C. Department of Transportation. He stated they are initiating the first action from the 2018 Midland Road Corridor Plan by creating full movement intersections at Pinehurst Area Realty and Carolina Eye. He stated these changes will facilitate removal of several of the informal crossovers between these intersections and instead create safer U-turns at the intersections to access locations on each side of the median. He noted there would potentially be

more of these requests brought forward as this project continues.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved Resolution #23-13, supporting roadway safety enhancements on Midland Rd, by a vote of 4-0.

8. Discuss and Consider Resolution #23-14, Neighborhood Advisory Committee Policy (NAC).

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, presented Resolution #23-14, creating a Neighborhood Advisory Committee Policy. He stated the policy contains Council recommendations and is the continuation of a discussion that began in the spring. He stated the draft policy, as presented, represents the latest recommendations on how best to achieve the desired goals of the committee. He noted questions had been coming up about the relationship of members as a public body and thus subject to public records laws. He stated after consultation with Village Attorney Mike Newman, it is the opinion that the NAC meets the statutory definitional requirements considered to be a public body and because they are a public body, the NAC members are public officials and must comply with open meetings laws and are subject to public records requirements in the state of NC.

Mr. Sanborn stated other concerns considered where the process of appointment, governance, membership requirements, and better representation across the Village. Councilmember Morgan stated if the Village is expending resources on a committee and having it function within our system, then that makes it a village committee and we need to have a policy on how we are addressing it because that is a part of appropriate governance and appropriate answering to our citizenry and taxpayers. He stated he is in support of having the policy in place and noted with change comes challenges to work through.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved Resolution #23-14, Neighborhood Advisory Committee Policy, by a vote of 4-0.

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Comments from Attendees

No public comments were received.

11. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 6:03 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