



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:36 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 48 attendees, including 8 staff, and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland, called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Reports:

Village Manager

- Today the Governor of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency. It is important for us to take reasonable and responsible action to protect ourselves and those around us. The CDC has a lot of useful information on their website, the link to the website is posted on the Moore County Health Department website. The situation is being monitored, in regards to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Village Council

- Councilmember Boesch stated she and Councilmember Hogeman meet with Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and they discussed some recommendations related to pedestrian safety. She received a call from a resident to thank the Police Department for doing a great job.
- Councilmember Drum stated Pinehurst is again the safest City in NC and the Hospital was ranked as top 4 hospitals in North Carolina. He also noted that NC has set up a 24-7 hotline for questions about Coronavirus. The hotline number is 1-888-850-2684.
- Councilmember Hogeman attended the Beautification Committee meeting and they are getting busy with starting spring plantings, litter pick-up, and landscaping. She noted that these are all volunteers, working on Village committees, and they are doing a great job.
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she, Jeff Sanborn, and Mayor Strickland met with Mickey Foster, CEO of FirstHealth, and the hospital is fully prepared for the Coronavirus and what may come their way. She stated that she is glad the Village has such a strong partner.
- Mayor Strickland stated he attended a Partners in Progress meeting and Dr. Grimesey, Moore County School Superintendent, gave a report that the construction work on the new Pinehurst Elementary School is on schedule and on budget.

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.
 - February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - February 25, 2020 Work Session

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Drum, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved the Consent agenda by a vote of 5-0.

4. Discuss Public Comment Period Policy.

Beth Dunn, Village Clerk, reviewed the draft Public Comment Period with Council. Council Hogeman suggested adding that Council may allow comments at various times in the meeting. She also suggested adding on the Village website how to email or write a letter to the Council rather than having to come to a Council meeting and speak. Councilmember Drum stated he believes it is a conflict to have a policy in place but then allow comments at any time during the meeting. Councilmember Boesch suggested a few minor editorial changes. Mayor Strickland stated that staff will make minor revisions suggested and bring back to Council at their next regular meeting.

5. Pedestrian and Child Safety on Residential Streets.

Lee Pittman, 170 Everett Road, explained they are here today to voice their concerns on pedestrian safety. It has come to their attention that speeding and lack of sidewalks are a concerns. He believes one major problems is that these roads in this area are becoming a cut through to avoid the traffic circle. He noted that the new Community Center has no sidewalks to get there. He explained he doesn't know the solution but they are just voicing their concerning. He noted that the 4 way stops on Monticello Road have seemed to deter people using the road as a cut through.

Kelly Dawkins, 40 Woods Road, said he has rarely seen a crowd this big at a Council meeting showing their support. When he moved here there 5 years ago there were no children on his street and now there are 11 children kindergarten age and under. The Village promotes Mr. Kelly stated that he roads are narrow, small, and not constructed for pedestrian facilities but we can't ignore where dangerous conditions exists. He has seen his neighbor's mailbox clipped 2 and witnessed accidents while walking his children to school. Woods and McIntyre.

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, stated staff pulled some data together related to pedestrian safety of Village streets. Mr. Sanborn noted that within 21 years there had been 22 total pedestrian accidents and 11 of those accidents were on Village streets. He also noted that Southern Pines had 9 pedestrian accidents and 6 or 7 in Aberdeen. Mr. Sanborn shared an expert from NHTSA publication on setting speed limits and noted the key question to ask ourselves is what our accident history is and the history shows we are relatively safe. Mr. Sanborn reviewed general recommended strategies to reduce pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes and explained that stop signs are not usually recommended to control speeds, as they tend to exacerbate speeding further away. Mr. Sanborn reviewed the existing process staff uses to address traffic and pedestrian issues.

Mayor Strickland invited Mr. Pittman and Mr. Kelly for additional comments. Mr. Pittman said he would love to have the clay paths, as did Mr. Kelly. Councilmember Boesch hopes Council can continue to work with the neighborhood to find a solution. Councilmember Drum stated that we need to deal with the issues holistically and figure out where we need to start. Councilmember Hogeman stated the Village is committed to accommodating pedestrian traffic. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that she lives across from Mr. Kelly and her perception is that people are speeding in the area and we need to look at the whole ecosystem. Mayor Strickland asked that Mr. Kelly give him contact information and how to contact their group going forward.

6. Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

7. Comments from Attendees.

- Clark Campbell, Woods Road, stated that all the data presented is just data. He believes he is a knowledgeable source to speak to stops signs controlling speeds, as he used to live on Medlin Road and the short distance between the stop signs did deter speeding. The amount of traffic isn't the problem it is the safety. He asked Council to take into consideration of the information Kelly and Lee presented. He also stated that with Cannon Park being the only available park now is also causing issues and more congestion. He believes a clay/sand path from the school to Cannon Park would be a solution.
- Frank Pasifico, 155 McKenzie Road East, Road, is concerned with extra-large political signs in the Village. Noted at the corner of Magnolia and McCaskill there had been a box truck parked with a 10 foot sign on it.
- Katelyn Hunsucker, 205 Short Road, wants to make sure that it's clear that one issue is the intersection of Rattlesnake Trail and Woods Road. That intersection is not safe and we are lucky that nothing has happened. She would like for there to be a cross walk installed at that intersection, even if it is just lines painted on the road.
- Tom Campbell, Monticello Road, explained that on Monticello Road the stop signs and the 25 mph zone has seem to slow people down and they feel safer coming out onto the main road.
- Jane Claire Dawkins, 40 Woods Road, asked Council to be proactive and not reactive. There are neighbors not walking in the neighborhood because it is not safe. She stated that she hopes they are looking at the big picture and not irrelevant data from when there were no children living in the neighborhood.

8. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
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