

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
ASSEMBLY HALL
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 P.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in the Assembly Hall of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Mr. Clark H. Campbell, Councilmember
Mr. John R. Cashion, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ms. Claire L. Phillips, Councilmember
Mr. John C. Strickland, Councilmember
Mr. Andrew M. Wilkison, Village Manager
Ms. Lauren M. Craig, Village Clerk

And approximately 47 attendees, including 8 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo called the meeting to order.

2. Presentation of Volunteer Service Resolutions

- **Percy Bennett (Planning and Zoning Board)**
Mayor Fiorillo noted that Mr. Bennett could not attend the meeting due to the inclement weather but will be presented his resolution at another time for his service with the Planning and Zoning Board.
- **Bart and Martha O'Connor (Beautification Committee)**
Councilmember Strickland presented Mr. and Mrs. Bart O'Connor a resolution on behalf of the Village Council honoring their service with the Beautification Committee.
- **Donald Van Roosen (Water Committee)**
Mayor Fiorillo presented Mr. Donald Van Roosen a resolution on behalf of the Village Council honoring his service with the Water Committee.

3. Reports

Manager

- None.

Council

- Councilmember Strickland and Councilmember Cashion attended a traffic circle and Hwy 211 meeting last week.

4. 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. Public Safety Report
Police Department
Fire Department

End of Consent Agenda.

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Councilmember Strickland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cashion and passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

5. Presentation by Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway on communications antennae

A team from Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway presented the proposed antenna structure and the effects to the historic properties. The railroad has identified a need to add an antenna in this area for railroad safety and train communication and this is a federal mandate. The proposed location is behind the Harness Track. Marvin Webster presented efforts that have been made to modify the design to minimize the effects and visibility for the historic properties. The team noted for the project to be viable, the location is the best for the coverage that is needed. The monopine and flagpole options were discussed. According to the mandate this must be completed by December 31, 2015 and once approved there would be 30-45 days of construction.

Renee Gledhill-Earley from NC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) addressed the Council regarding this issue and noted that her office believes there will be an adverse effect for the historic district and encouraged Council to continue considering this because there are other alternatives.

6. Presentation of December 31, 2013 Quarterly Financial Statements

John Frye, Director of Financial Services presented the December 31, 2014 Quarterly Financial Statements to Council. Mr. Frye noted that the Village's financial position is good and that most economic indicators are positive while actual revenue growth remains tepid. Mr. Frye explained that retail sales are exceeding our projections while the housing market is recovering more slowly. John Frye highlighted each of the areas of the statements and Council accepted these into record.

7. Mid-Year Financial Projections and Budget Amendment

John Frye, Director of Financial Services, explained the Village of Pinehurst's mid-year financial projections and presented the need for a budget amendment. Upon a motion by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #14-06 appropriating funds for Operations of the Village of Pinehurst, regarding revenues and expenditures of the General Fund by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the Ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.)

8. Consideration of interlocal agreement for building inspection services

The Manager explained the need to consider the interlocal agreement for building inspection services with Moore County. He explained that the agreement was approved by the County Commissioners one week ago. Upon a motion by Councilmember Cashion, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor, or her designee, to enter into an agreement for building inspection services with Moore County as amended by a vote of 5-0.

9. Resolution - DOT Overhead Signs at Circle

Assistant Village Manager, Jeff Batton explained the need to consider a resolution supporting the NCDOT plans to improve the existing overhead signs at the traffic circle in the Village of Pinehurst. Upon a motion by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Council unanimously approved Resolution #14-08, supporting the NC DOT plans to re-paint the overhead traffic sign supports leading to the Pinehurst Traffic Circle by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the Resolution can be found in the Resolution Book.)

10. Action needed to reconsider a rezoning request at 4176 Murdocksville Rd.

The manager explained the need to reconsider rezoning 4176 Murdocksville Road. Upon a motion by Councilmember Cashion, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, Council unanimously approved reconsidering the rezoning of 4176 Murdocksville Road and to hold a joint public hearing at the February 25, 2014 Village Council regular meeting by a vote of 5-0.

11. Discussion regarding a potential local bill authorizing a municipal governing body to exercise the powers granted to a Historic Preservation Commission

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Mayor Fiorillo introduced the discussion regarding a potential bill authorizing a municipal governing body to exercise the powers granted to a Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Cashion would like to consider reducing the HPC to five members and hold meetings twice a month to take care of business. Councilmember Campbell addressed an issue with having three members who are beyond the 6 year term limit sitting on the HPC.

Audience member Jack Farrell, a member of the Pinehurst HPC, noted his concern and the fact that Pinehurst would be very different from the other municipalities in NC. Mr. Farrell noted the need to have mutual trust and respect between HPC and the governing body, to protect historic assets, and to keep things independent of politics and elections. He explained that he was deeply offended on this topic and the fact that it was brought forward without notice to the members of the HPC. Mr. Farrell urged Council to put this aside and develop a working relationship with HPC.

Audience member John Hoffman commented that this local bill raises important questions which require answers. He explained that all members of HPC are selected by the Village Council. Mr. Hoffman noted that the timing to this topic points to the denial of the COA for a new residence at 170 Everette Road by a vote of 5-1 because HPC found it was out of scale with surrounding residences and was found incongruous.

Audience member Brian Deaton seconded the points made by Jack Farrell and said the Council and HPC came to an agreement last year about a working arrangement and how things would be done. He explained there was a process that was viewed as reasonable and workable.

Audience member Linda Cox of 80 Fields Road explained the HPC and Village Council are caretakers of the Village, not owners, and asked to keep in mind the scale of the communities and neighborhoods. She noted the house proposed was twice the size of the other homes in that neighborhood and scale is important to keep the quality of the neighborhood.

Audience member Ken Shroud, who lives at the corner of Page and Kelly Road, noted he is seeing personal agendas noting Clark Campbell with a conflict of interest and the Mayor has a working relationship with designer.

Audience member Judy Maples, who lives on Everette Road, noted she is unhappy Mark Parson tore up trees on the street. She explained that the HPC helped get the historic recognition for the Village and said Council should work for the betterment of the entire community and not a handful of people.

Audience member Jim Lewis, a member of the Pinehurst HPC, endorsed the comments of Jack Farrell and noted that he understands the feelings from Council but they have the appointment authority and this is a significant influence. He noted concern that Council is chasing a solution and looking for a problem.

12. Other Business

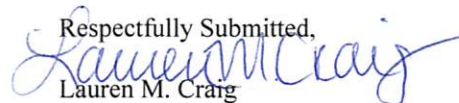
- None.

13. Comments from attendees.

- None.

14. Motion to Adjourn.

Councilmember Cashion moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren M. Craig
Village Clerk