



**Village Council
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 08, 2025
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:30 p.m.**

The Village of Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 04:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 08, 2025, in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor
Dr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Connors, IT Systems Specialist

And approximately 16 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 4 staff and 2 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council meeting to order at 04:30 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Pledge of Allegiance Walker and Wright Bare

3. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Doug Willardson reported on the Village's Celebrating Independence events on July 03 and 04, 2025, and the July 06, 2025, Tropical Depression Chantal impact on the community and surrounding areas noting the Moore County Water Pressure Advisory was lifted and the water is safe to drink, St. Andrews drive has been repaired and has reopened to traffic, Sugar Gum Ln. is still closed to traffic, and MYVOP requests are being addressed according to urgency related to public safety.

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- Mayor Pizzella commended Village staff for the appearance of the Village during the July 4th events and reported on The Pilot Editorial highlighting Mr. Anton Michel Wicker being named Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by the N.C. Wildlife Federation; the July 04 – 06, 2025, Pinehurst Police Daily Reports; the distribution of the Village's quarterly newsletter to residents; and the petition by the Royal Oaks Townhomes community to the United States Postal Service for

a Pinehurst mailing address and zip code.

- Councilmember Morgan commended the Village's Parks & Recreation Department staff for the July 4th events and appearance of the Village and the Village staff for their response to Tropical Depression Chantal on July 06, 2025.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor commented on the Tropical Depression Chantal events of July 06, 2025, and asked if there was anything more the Village could do to improve emergency response; and reported on a recent NCDOT review of the Pinehurst Traffic Circle redesign plans.

Mr. Willardson noted an after-action meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 09, 2025, and that improvement in communication between State / County / Local agencies would be discussed.

- Councilmember Ficklin did not have anything to report.
- Councilmember Farrell commended Village staff for the response to Tropical Depression Chantal on July 06, 2025, and the July 4th events.

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. Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes

- June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 24, 2025, Work Session Minutes
- June 24, 2025, Closed Session Minutes

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved all items of the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0.

5. Honorary Resolution

A. Consider Resolution 25-29 Honoring Ms. Sonja Rothstein (P&Z / BOA)

Mayor Pizzella read aloud Resolution 25-29 honoring Ms. Sonja Rothstein.

Ms. Rothstein thanked past and present Village Council members for their support and the citizens of the Village of Pinehurst for the opportunity to serve them.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved Consider Resolution 25-29 Honoring Ms. Sonja Rothstein (P&Z / BOA) by a vote of 5-0.

A Resolution Honoring the Service of Ms. Sonja Rothstein

WHEREAS, Ms. Sonja Rothstein has been a dedicated and invaluable member of the Village of Pinehurst community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rothstein served with distinction on the Planning & Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment from 2019 to 2025, generously volunteering her time and expertise, and making significant contributions to the thoughtful and responsible growth of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rothstein was instrumental in the development of the Village Place and Pinehurst South Small Area Plans and Form-Based Guidance Plans, which were adopted by the Village Council in May of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rothstein's contributions to these Boards has had a profound and lasting impact on the Village of Pinehurst.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in a Regular Meeting assembled this 08th day of July 2025 as follows:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby expresses, on behalf of the citizens of Pinehurst, its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Sonja Rothstein for her exemplary service and dedication to the community.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Village of Pinehurst and a copy thereof, duly executed by the Mayor, be presented to Ms. Rothstein as a token of our esteem.

This Resolution passed and adopted this 08th day of July 2025.

6. Public Comments.

Mr. John Byrne, Pinehurst resident, commended Village Council and Village staff for their service to the community and noted the excellent service he received from Mr. Mike Apke, Public Services Director, on a recent stormwater project in his neighborhood.

Ms. Mary Flynnne, Pinehurst resident, thanked Council for their support in petitioning the United States Postal Service for a Pinehurst mailing address and zip code for the Royal Oaks Townhomes community.

7. New Business

A. Discussion on U.S. Kids Events in Downtown Pinehurst

Ms. Shari Czar, U.S. Kids Golf volunteer, reviewed a U.S. Kids Golf PowerPoint presentation highlighting the mission, history, programs / facilities, tournaments, upcoming 2025 World Championship events, and volunteer opportunities of U.S. Kids Golf. Ms. Czar's presentation also noted the 2013 documentary titled "The Short Game", which highlights the preparations of 8 young golfers for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship.

Council thanked Ms. Czar for her presentation and urged residents to volunteer for the upcoming U.S. Kids Golf World Championship events.

Mr. Willardson reviewed a map of the July 29, 2025, Parade of Nations, which is the official opening ceremony for the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship, and noted all cars should be moved from the parade route prior to 05:00 p.m. otherwise the cars will need to remain where they are until after the event is over at 09:00 p.m.

8. Resolutions.

A. Consider Resolution 25-27 Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to NC GS § 160A-31 (Foxfire & Linden Condos)

Mr. Willardson provided background on Resolution 25-27 Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to NC GS § 160A-31 (Foxfire & Linden Condos) and the annexation process for Council.

Council reviewed a map of the property proposed for annexation and discussed the property being contiguous to the Village of Pinehurst's corporate limits, the request also including consideration of a

Special Intensity Allocation, and the property currently being with the Village's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Mr. Willardson verified the Public Hearing will be set for July 22, 2025, should Council approve Resolution 25-27.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved Consider Resolution 25-27 Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to NC GS § 160A-31 (Foxfire & Linden Condos) by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #25-27:

A RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO NC GS § 160A-31

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has by resolution directed the Village Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Village Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina in a Regular Meeting assembled this 08th day of July 2025 as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 on the 22nd day of July 2025 at 04:30 p.m.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

BEING ALL OF THE 0.91 ACRES OF THE SUNRISE ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC. TRACT LOCATED IN MINERAL SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 3312 PAGE 80-82 RECORDED IN THE MOORE COUNTY REGISTRY, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN EXISTING MAG NAIL INSIDE THE RIGHT OF WAY OF FOXFIRE ROAD LOCATED 117' FROM THE INTERSECTION OF LINDEN ROAD AND FOXFIRE ROAD; THENCE FROM THE BEGINNING SOUTH 41 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 28.98 FEET TO AN EXISTING MAG NAIL INSIDE THE RIGHT OF WAY OF LINDEN ROAD ; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 318.11 FEET TO AN 5/8" EXISTING IRON ROD 1" BELOW GROUND; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 106.14 FEET TO AN 4"x4" EXISTING CONCRETE MONUMENT 2" ABOVE GROUND; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 149.32 FEET TO AN 4"x4" EXISTING CONCRETE MONUMENT FLUSH WITH GROUND INSIDE THE RIGHT OF WAY OF FOXFIRE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 359.85 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.09 ACRES (0.91 ACRES LESS RIGHT OF WAY).

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in The Pilot, a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Pinehurst, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public

hearing.

THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 08th day of July 2025.

9. General Business

A. Discuss and Approve Contract with Taylortown for Fire Suppression Services

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo detailing the Village's history of providing fire protection services to the Town of Taylortown and the updates proposed in the contract with an effective date of July 01, 2025.

Council, Mr. Willardson, and Mr. Carlton Cole, Assistant Village Manager, discussed the fire districts and service rates being set by Moore County, the different collection rates based on jurisdiction, charges based on location either within corporate limits or without corporate limits, the impact providing services to the Town of Taylortown may have on the Village's availability of service for residents, how the revenue from the contract is recorded in the Village's finances, and the proposed contract formalizing services already in place and automatically renewing annually.

Mr. Willardson noted a revision suggested by Councilmember Morgan to include a 1.5% late fee clause to paragraph 9 on page 4. Council agreed to Councilmember Morgan's revision.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Ficklin, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved Consider Resolution 25-30 Ratifying the Taylortown Fire Suppression Contract by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #25-30:

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE TAYLORTOWN FIRE SUPPRESSION CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town of Taylortown, North Carolina, is a neighboring municipality in the State of North Carolina, having been chartered by act of the 1987 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and is obligated to furnish, as a governmental function, fire protection services to its citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst has provided fire protection services for the Town of Taylortown under a contractual agreement for many years and the previous contract has lapsed; and

WHEREAS, despite the lapse in contract, the Village of Pinehurst Fire Department has provided fire protection services to the Town of Taylortown on a continual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst wishes to continue providing fire protection services to the Town of Taylortown per the terms of the Fire Suppression Contract with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in a Regular Meeting assembled this 8th day of July 2025, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Taylortown Fire Suppression Contract.

SECTION 2. Said contract is hereby ratified with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 8th day of July 2025.

B. Review and Discuss Annual Exchange of Letters with Dornoch, Scotland

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo highlighting the annual tradition of an exchange of letters with Dornoch, Scotland and the upcoming visits by Royal Dornoch members and Officials from the Town of Dornoch and a draft version of the Village's 2025 Letter to Dornoch.

Council agreed to send the 2025 Letter to Dornoch as written.

10. Other Business.

Council discussed ways in which the Village may participate in the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Council agreed to have members of Village staff join in the formation of a 250th Anniversary Committee for Moore County and to continue discussions with the National Parks Service on the Village's participation.

Council discussed the Pinehurst Development Ordinance Update progress and noted a community meeting is planned for August 13, 2025.

Council discussed the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization's Travel Demand Model Projections being due in September 2025 and the findings of the Village's Travel Demand Model Projections being shared with Council.

Council discussed identifying projects to submit for consideration of the Convention and Visitors Bureau's Tourism Grant, what types of projects would be suitable for consideration, and what funding match is required by the municipalities.

Council urged further review of stormwater issues that have occurred within and adjacent to the Hollycrest community because of the new development taking place there. Mr. Willardson stated Village staff is actively working with the developer and residents in the area to address the stormwater issues.

Council discussed the submission of statements or articles by Councilmembers, both past and present to media outlets.

Council verified with Mr. Willardson that questions from residents regarding the installation of water / sewer lines in their neighborhoods need to be addressed with Moore County Public Utilities.

11. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 05:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou

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