



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

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 04:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 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 Conners, IT Systems Specialist

And approximately 10 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 7 staff and 0 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. Invocation by Reverend Trey Majure, Village Chapel

B. Pledge of Allegiance by Kinsey Majure

3. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Doug Willardson reported on the April 05, 2025, Spring Matinee Races at the Harness Track; the April 11, 2025, Live After 5 Concert (first of the 2025 season); the April 12, 2025, Easter Egg Hunt at Cannon Park Community Center; the April 12, 2025, Sandhills Farmers' Market at Tufts Park (first of the 2025 season and held Wednesdays 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.); and the Village receiving the ETC Institute's 2024 Leading the Way Award.

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- Mayor Pizzella reported on the April 01, 2025, Moore 100 meeting at the Pinehurst Inn; the April 03, 2025, Planning & Zoning Board meeting; the March 26, 2025, Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Rassie Wicker Park; and on the results of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.
- Councilmember Morgan congratulated Village staff on the Village receiving the ETC Institute's

2024 Leading the Way Award and thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for the great job they did with the April 05, 2025, Spring Matinee Races event at the Harness Track and stated he has received a lot of excellent feedback.

- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reported on the April 02, 2025, Technical Coordinating Committee (SMPO) meeting; the March 26, 2025, Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Rassie Wicker Park; and a recent Country Club of North Carolina (CCNC) meeting on the deer management program.
- Councilmember Ficklin reported on the April 07, 2025, Beautification Committee meeting and the entire community's efforts to improve the aesthetics of the Village; and the April 12, 2025, Linden Lodge Dog Dash at Tufts Park / Downtown.
- Councilmember Farrell on reported the April 05, 2025, Spring Matinee Races at the Harness Track, thanked everyone involved with the event, commended past Councilmembers for having the forethought to purchase the Fair Barn / Harness Track facility, and stated the facility is a unique and valuable asset to the Village for both current and future generations.

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

- March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 25, 2025, Work Session Minutes

End of Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor proposed amending the second paragraph of item 2.B. of the March 25, 2025, Work Session minutes to read: "Council and Mr. Willardson agreed to have Mr. Willardson select one or two projects from the existing capital budgeting decision to explore using the process that Councilmember Taylor outlined."

Upon a motion by Councilmember Ficklin, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda with the March 25, 2025, Work Session Minutes amendment as proposed by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor by a vote of 5-0.

5. Proclamation

A. 2025 Two Lights for Tomorrow Proclamation

Mr. Willardson stated April 18, 2025, marks the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's midnight ride and provided background on the "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative, which is part of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Mayor Pizzella read aloud the proclamation declaring April 18, 2025, as Two Lights for Tomorrow Day in the Village of Pinehurst.

Council discussed researching other ways the Village may participate in the 250th anniversary celebrations and / or collaborate with the National Park Service for the anniversary celebrations.

6. Public Comments.

Daniel May, Pinehurst resident, spoke in opposition to Short-term Rental (STR) monitoring through Granicus and in favor of citizen engagement and property rights.

Jeffrey Heinz, Pinehurst resident, spoke in favor of STR monitoring through Granicus and continued evaluation of the STR ordinance enforcement.

Collette Kolinsky, Pinehurst resident, expressed concerns over the infringement of property rights by STR property owners on non-STR property owners and the negative impact STRs may have on a community, and stated many communities are adopting STR regulations.

7. **Resolutions**

A. Consider Resolution 25-12 Appointment of Mr. Jim Rooney to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (Pinehurst Trace)

Mr. Willardson stated the Pinehurst Trace Homeowners' Association appointed Mr. Jim Rooney to take the place of Mr. Ed Balkovic as their Neighborhood Advisory Committee representative and spoke in favor of Mr. Rooney's nomination.

Mr. Rooney thanked Council and provided background information on his previous employment experience and time in the Pinehurst Trace community.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved Resolution 25-12 appointing Mr. Jim Rooney to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (Pinehurst Trace) effective April 08th, 2025, said term to expire June 30th, 2027, by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #25-12:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PINEHURST TRACE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst established a Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst officially reorganized the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) under the leadership of the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst on the 11th day of April 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Rooney and the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst are desirous of Mr. Rooney serving as a representative of the Pinehurst Trace area on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

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 April 2025 as follows:

Mr. Jim Rooney is appointed as a representative of the Pinehurst Trace area on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, effective April 08th, 2025, said term to expire June 30th, 2027.

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

B. Consider Resolution 25-09 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property at Public Auction (Longleaf Dr.)

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo detailing the intention behind placing 1755 Longleaf Dr. E up for sale at Public Auction and the public auction requirements / procedures.

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed the lot size being less than half an acre, the auction being solely online, bids received being displayed throughout the auction period, and no upset bids being accepted once the auction period has closed.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved Resolution 25-09 authorizing the sale of the Village of Pinehurst owned vacant lot located at 1755 Longleaf Dr. E, Parcel ID #00023723, Unit 9 Lot 365 PH I at Public Auction by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #25-09:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Village of Pinehurst.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council that:

1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Village of Pinehurst: Vacant lot located at 1755 Longleaf Dr. E, Parcel ID #00023723, Unit 9 Lot 365 PH I. (Attachment A)
2. The Village Manager is authorized to receive, on behalf of the Village Council, bids at public auction for the purchase of the described property.
3. The public auction will be held from May 14, 2025, to June 04, 2025, at <https://bid.allthewayauctions.com/ui>. The terms of sale shall be:
 - a. Bidders must register with All the Way Auctions and submit proof of funds.
 - b. A 10% "Buyer's Premium" will be paid by the highest bidder at closing.
 - c. A 10% non-refundable "Due Dilligence Fee" deposit is due to All the Way Auctions within 24 hours of acceptance of the highest bid by the Village Council.
 - d. All loan types considered and / or cash.
 - e. Highest bidder will complete the purchase within 45 days of the Village Council acceptance of their bid.
 - f. The property is sold in its current condition, as is, and the Village gives no warranty with respect to usability of the property.
4. The Village Clerk shall cause a notice of the public auction to be published in accordance with G.S.160A-270(a).
5. The highest bid shall be reported to the Village Council and must be accepted or rejected by the Village Council within 30 days of the report.
6. No sale may be completed until the Village Council has approved the highest bid.

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

Attachment A



8. Regular Business.

A. Review and Consider Bids for the Juniper Creek Boulevard Sidewalk Project

Mr. Willardson and Mr. Mike Apke, Public Services Director, reviewed a memo detailing the scope of the proposed project and the funding available.

Mr. Willardson and Mr. Apke stated the lowest bidder, Sun Builders, is not licensed to perform the type of work required for this project, which is why they are recommending the contract be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Cole Excavating; asked that Council authorize Mr. Willardson to approve change orders up to the total amount available for the project (\$1.078 Million); and noted an estimated completion date for the project is late September / early October.

Prior to voting on Councilmember Morgan's motion, Council deliberated on the decision not to bifurcate the project into construction and pavement markings and discussed the pavement markings consisting of 17 crosswalks.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved the Juniper Creek Boulevard Sidewalk Project contract with Cole Excavating for the Total Base and Alternate Bid amount of \$998,495 and authorized the Village Manager to approve change orders up to the amount of \$1.078 Million by a vote of 5-0.

B. Review Proposed FY26 Strategic Operating Plan and Budget

Mr. Willardson and Ms. Dana Van Nostrand, Financial Services Director, reviewed a Proposed FY 2026 Strategic Operating Plan PowerPoint presentation highlighting the FY 2025 VOP Strategy Map; Council's Strategic Direction; FY 2026 General Fund Budget Overview; FY 2026 General Fund Revenues; a table comparing revenue FY 2024 Actuals to FY 2025 Budget to FY 2026; FY 2026 General Fund Expenditures; a table comparing expenditure FY 2024 Actuals to FY 2025 Budget to FY 2026; an Amount of Tax Dollar Expended by Function in the General Fund pie chart; General

Government & Economic Development Significant Changes; Public Safety Significant Changes; Transportation, Solid Waste & Fleet Significant Changes; Culture & Recreation Significant Changes; FY 2026 Significant Capital; and tables of project priorities based on resident survey results.

Mr. Willardson and Ms. Van Nostrand further reviewed a FY 2026 – 2030 Five-Year Financial Forecast PowerPoint presentation consisting of the Five-Year Financial Forecast, what is / is not included in the forecast, a table of capital projects by fiscal year, a bar chart of operating revenue & expenditures by fiscal year, key highlights of the forecast, a table of estimated operating margins by fiscal year, and future BIRDIES to be evaluated for inclusion in the FY 2027 – 2031 Five-Year SOP.

Mr. Willardson and Ms. Van Nostrand concluded their presentations by asking Council to consider the information presented and to provide feedback on any modifications they would like to make prior to the presentation of the proposed FY 2026 Strategic Operating Plan and Budget for approval in June 2025.

Council, Mr. Willardson, and Ms. Van Nostrand discussed next steps and what to expect from the April 22nd, 2025, Work Session item on the proposed FY 2026 Strategic Operating Plan and Budget.

9. Other Business.

None.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 06:37 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