

**MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall Meeting Room
March 9, 2021 – 4:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor McCue called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. **Members Present:** Councilman Don Boito, Mayor Pro Tem Frusco, and Councilman Ed Howze.
3. **Members Absent:** Councilwoman Gregorich
4. **Others Present:** Lisa Kivett-Village Clerk, Residents Andy Moody, Mary Gilroy, and David Julian
5. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor McCue requested those present to pause for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. **Approval of the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda:**

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a **motion to adopt the March 9, 2021 agenda as written.**
The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and without discussion

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. February 16, 2021 Special Meeting
3. February 25, 2021 Work Session

B. Budget Ordinance Amendment #2021-02 General Fund

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a **motion to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment Period

David Julian, 23 Ridge Road – Mr. Julian said he recently moved to Foxfire Village and purchased a home built by Onsite Homes. He was unaware at the time of purchase that the home was located on wetlands. He has severe issues with water run-off, drainage, and stagnant water. He wanted to let the Village know of his issues with the lot.

Jim Childress voiced his frustration with all the trash on the sides of the road. He has been personally picking up trash in some areas. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco suggested he contact the Property Owners Association and through their contact ability, arrange a group to clean up trash. Councilman Boito added he would contact the Sheriff's Department and request they have County inmates pick up the area. Chief Shue added the trash issue is not just in Foxfire, it is Countywide.

9. Zoning Administrator's Report – Lisa Kivett

Zoning Administrator Lisa Kivett reported the following activity for February 10th thru March 9th

Forty-three (43) homes are currently under construction or in the beginning stage of lot clearing. One (1) of them located within the ETJ.

Permit applications were received and reviewed for the following:

- Nine (9) Single Family Residence
 - (2) Bridle Place
 - (2) Saddle Trail
 - (2) Oak Hill Dr.
 - Forest Lake Dr.
 - Windswept Vista in GP
 - Foxfire Rd. in Autumn Acres
- Two (2) Fence
- One (1) Pool
- One (1) Propane Tank

- One (1) Detached Garage
- Two (2) Accessory Building

Certificate of Occupancy Issued
Grande Pines Vista (EU)

Ordinance Violations
Illegal Parking
Trailers (4)

Ms. Kivett attended the NCLM Advancing Advocacy webinar regarding Redistricting and the Census Delays. The delay of Census data until late September will not allow enough time to redraw voting districts in time for the November elections. It has been proposed to delay municipal elections by one year. More information will be forthcoming.

10. Council Member Reports:

- A. Finance – Leslie Frusco
- Financial Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported as of February 28, 2021, the General Fund balance was \$1,637,800 of which \$394,473 restricted for the K-9 fund, capital reserve fund, street maintenance, police vehicle reserve, and separation allowance. The water balance was \$962,980 of which \$281,076 is restricted for future well(s) and tank maintenance.

Frusco reported the Village is in a very good financial position going into next year. We have collected more than the budgeted amount of ad valorem taxes as well as over 100% of Sales Tax revenue.

Budget packets were distributed to council members. Frusco would like initial budget numbers given to Sharon by March 15th. Preliminary numbers will be given out at the worksession and will include revenue numbers. The County should have the ad valorem tax rate available as well.

Councilman asked if any past due property taxes were collected in February. Frusco replies \$4,800 was collected. The biggest issue we have is with the condos in bankruptcy. As the bankruptcy progresses, Foxfire is in the first-tier position to be paid for back real estate taxes. We will be advertising past due taxes sometime in March.

- B. Streets and Park – Don Boito
- No Report

- C. Public Safety – Ed Howze
- PD Update

Councilman Howze reported the new flagpole will be delivered at the end of the month. Mayor McCue suggested it be put somewhere in between the police department and administration building. Howze will contact Bruce McFadden about installing the new pole. Howze said he noticed the flag in the park was missing, possibly stolen.

Howze reported issues with opening the new gate on South Shamrock. It was determined the electric eye located at the bottom of the fence was moved. To prevent issues in the future, a key will be placed in the box located on the gate. The large boulders were relocated to prevent vehicles from gaining access. Howze asked that Chief Shue give an update on police department activities.

Chief Shue reported another rash of vehicle break ins in the County. Five vehicles on the Eastside of the Village were gone through, all vehicles were left unlocked overnight. Shue encouraged all residents to secure all belonging and lock their vehicles every night.

All Village officers are addressing ordinance violations when they see them, and residents have been good about complying.

The Police Department K9, Rowan, did not work out as hoped. He was sent back to the original owner and a new K9 that is already imprinted will be picked up this weekend. Officer Garner and the new K9 are scheduled to start school on March 22nd, lasting three weeks.

The National Guard has offered an opportunity for the police department to train with them at the end of March. This will give them a chance to cross-train in the event something major happens.

Mayor McCue commented that since Foxfire installed electronic speed limit signs, Pinehurst has followed the Village started using them too. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco suggested Chief Shue budget for two additional signs in the upcoming budget.

D. Water Department – Janice Gregorich

Councilwoman Gregorich was out of town on family business. Mayor McCue reported attending a three-day webinar on water-related financial issues. He will brief Ms. Gregorich when she returns.

E. Mayor's Report – E.M. McCue III

Mayor McCue said he was pleased to hear the Carthage Planning & Zoning Board recently rejected a proposed request to rezone a 238-acre farm near Vass.

The Draft Unified Development Ordinance is still under review by Planning & Zoning. It will be put on the Village website for public review in the next couple of weeks.

11. Old Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco asked if letters regarding ordinances were being sent to new water customers. Ms. Kivett replied they were.

12. New Business

None

13. Public Comment:

David Julian suggested that signs about littering might distract people from throwing their trash on roadsides.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco pointed out the last time the State mowed roadsides on Hoffman and Richmond, they mowed right over trash and trash bags scattering debris everywhere. A week later they had inmate crews out picking up trash. She suggested that Councilman Boito contact the State and request they pick up trash before mowing.

14. Adjournment

Councilman Boito made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM. As so incorporated to these minutes of March 9, 2021 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of Foxfire Village as if fully set out in the minutes.



Lisa A. Kivett, CMC, NCCMC, CZO
Village Clerk



E.M. McCue III
Mayor