

**MINUTES
FOX FIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall Meeting Room
February 14, 2023 – 4:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Boito called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
- 2. Members Present:** Mayor Pro Temp Janice Gregorich, Councilmembers Janet Nauman, Don Nelson and Gary Samuels
- 3. Others Present:** Chief Shue, Mary Gilroy-P&Z Chair, and several members of the public
- 4. Moment of Silence:** Mayor Boito requested those present to pause for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Approval of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Councilmember Nauman made a motion to adopt the February 14, 2023 agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. December 29, 2022 Work Session
 2. January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

- B. Authorization to Advertise Tax Liens

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Public Comment Period**

None

8. Council Member Reports:

A. Finance – Janice Gregorich

Mayor Pro Temp Gregorich reported as of January 31, 2023: The general fund balance is \$2,644,824 of which \$938,108 is reserved with the remaining balance of \$1,757,000 in the NC Capital Trust. Year to date earned dividends are \$7,000. An additional \$200,000 will be moved into trust account. The water fund balance is \$1,291,166 of which \$361,076 is reserved. The remaining balance of \$753,000 is in the NC Capital Trust account and YTD has earned \$3,000.

Sharon Sanchez provided copies of the budget vs. Actual to each councilmember. Gregorich asked councilmembers to review their current budget and to consider at least a 7% inflation rate when working new budget numbers. Gregorich suggested beefing up the street department reserves, Councilmember Nauman agreed. Discussion followed regarding paving needs and costs for paving.

B. Streets and Park – Janet Nauman

- Pool Update

Councilmember Nauman reported that Danny Jackson has started draining the pool. The contract with USA Pool Management was signed. She would like council to discuss pool fees and how to do memberships at the next work session.

- Pool Bathroom Door

Due to a police scheduling change, officers can no longer open the pool bathroom each morning. Those playing pickleball are now having to come to the office to get a key to open the bathrooms. It was suggested to go with a self-opening/closing door lock to alleviate the issue.

Nauman and Lisa Kivett met with Dick Harpster from Central Security to discuss this option. Both the outside door and the door leading to the pool would have a new lock. The cost for both is \$4,500.00. Nauman pointed out there could be an issue with the County about the door leading to the pool. Mr. Harpster will contact the County.

- Landscaping Bids

Nauman reported three landscaping companies will submit bids for the upcoming year. There were slight modifications made to the existing contract template. Bids are due by March 31st.

- Sunset/Hoffman Rd Corner

Nauman voiced concerns there could be a similar situation on the corner of Sunset and Hoffman as there is on Woodland Circle and Hoffman. In lieu of spending an additional \$30,000 to fix Sunset, she suggested placing “No Through Construction Traffic” signage to eliminate traffic onto Sunset. Brief discussion followed and council agreed to using signage.

C. Public Safety – Don Nelson

Chief Shue provided the following update:

- The police department grant received in October of last year is now open and available to make purchases.
- The new police vehicle was shipped by train on February 2nd .
- Shue is concerned the guardrail in the Windy Ridge development is at least 30-40 feet too short on each end.
- The police department will implement a pilot program allowing police coverage for 21 hours of the day.

Councilmember Nelson reported the South Shamrock gate is working again. The battery was replaced. Nelson received a quote from Premier Power for the following generators: Fire department \$8,200 plus the LP line upgrade and wiring cost of \$4,000. The Village administration office quote is \$24,300 plus an LP tank and wiring cost of \$6,700. The fire department will house a 2,000-gallon tanker truck at the Village station.

D. Water Department – Gary Samuels

- Water Infrastructure Security Assessment

Councilmember Samuels plans to meet with Charles Underwood to discuss a test well vs. a permanent well on the Sackman property. He met with Chief Shue, David McKew and Jessie Southard to review water infrastructure safety issues. Chief Shue has added random patrols in all areas and lighting will be installed in fenced areas at some locations. The water tower locks will be upgraded as well as on the pumphouse. The southeast corner of the water tower fence needs repaired, and the area needs to be cleaned out. Mayor Pro Tem Gregorich voiced her concerns with publicizing locations of Village well-sites.

E. Mayors Report – Don Boito

- Council Retreat

Mayor Boito reminded councilmembers to have a list of ideas for the council retreat, to discuss at the upcoming work session.

- LRP Plan

Mayor Boito suggested councilmembers discuss the Long Range Plan at the council retreat.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Mayor Boito left a phone message with Lydia Conard, representative for Sackman Mortgage regarding purchasing the Sackman parcel contingent on finding water. Brief discussion followed.

11. Public Comment:

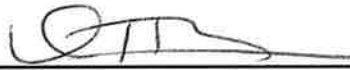
MaryAnne Lauer -22 Deer Track Rd. suggested charging contractors for using the roads when they are building.

12. Adjournment

Councilmember Samuels made a **motion to adjourn.** The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.



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



Don Boito
Mayor