

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Village Hall Meeting Room
October 26, 2023 - 4:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Don Boito called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. **Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Gregorich and Councilmembers Janet Nauman, Don Nelson, and Gary Samuels
3. **Others Present:** Several Residents of the Village
4. **Discussion Items**

Mayor Pro Tem Gregorich invited Chief Shue to discuss with council the *Pedestrian Crossing*. Mayor Boito added *Declaration of Dissent* to the discussion agenda.

- Spectrum Internet

Spectrum was unable to be here this evening to give their presentation. Councilmember Nauman handed out information on Spectrum's fiber optic service.

- Assignment of Long-Range Plan Tasks

The council discussed in detail the Long-range Plan goals and what specific duties or tasks would be given to each member of council to accomplish them.

- Administrative Position Job Description

Gregorich prepared a draft job description for the administrative position. The council reviewed in detail the duties they felt were necessary to fill the position.

- Pedestrian Crossing (Woodland Circle/Eagle Drive)

Chief Shue provided his input on placing a pedestrian crossing sign in the middle of an intersection. He pointed out several safety concerns. Council briefly discussed.

Chief Shue was permitted to provide an update on several items:

He reported that Officer Judge's 2018 Dodge Charger will be out of service for the next month. Unfortunately, the work needed is not covered under the warranty. It is anticipated to cost roughly \$1,300 to get the car back on the road. Shue suggested that council consider replacing the vehicle sooner than the scheduled date of July. Nelson asked that Shue obtain prices on a replacement.

He reported the new speed data signs are more sophisticated than the ones we currently have. They can monitor incoming and outgoing traffic in contrast to only one lane at a time, have a bigger solar panel, a longer lifespan on batteries, option for cameras, and upgraded software. The cost for a three-pack is \$9,000, which is the best value. There was broad discussion on speed signs.

Shue suggested the council consider increasing Officer Michael Amezcuita's hourly rate of pay by at least 5%. He pointed out that Amezcuita has several years' experience in law enforcement and his performance warrants an increase. Shue would also like to promote him to Sergeant. There was a brief discussion on merit increases and the process to obtain one. Gregorich replied she would work up all the numbers and the council can consider at the next meeting.

- Water Technician Salary

Councilmember Samuels pointed out that Jesse Southard recently received his Class C certification. He is asking the council to consider raising Jesse's hourly rate 3.9%, or .70 cents per hour based on his certification and performance. Gregorich replied she would work up all the numbers and the council can consider at the next meeting.

- Richmond Road Pedestrian /Bike Safety Concerns

Councilmember Samuels had a discussion with the police department regarding selective enforcement and stepping up patrol of the area in peak hours of the day. Samuels contacted NCDOT to locate a person to speak with to address issues with speed, a pedestrian crosswalk, and a place to walk

on Richmond Road. Mayor Boito said in the past, he spoke with a man named Evan McKinnon and provided a phone number.

- Review of P&Z Board Recommendations

The council once again briefly reviewed P&Z’s recommendations on several ordinance changes. Gregorich reiterated that the council was not interested in moving forward with a Municipal Zoning District at this time. Brief discussion ensued on village properties and their zoning district. Mayor Boito will work with Lisa Kivett on scheduling a date for public hearings after the first of the year.

- Declaration of Dissent

Mayor Boito provided copies of a Declaration of Dissent issued by the Village of Whispering Pines regarding the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization. Whispering Pines is protesting the voting structure of weighted votes. Southern Pines and Pinehurst have three votes, Aberdeen and Moore County have two votes, and Foxfire, Pinebluff, Taylortown, and Whispering Pines have one vote. The council discussed the weighted vote issue and agreed not to present a Declaration of Dissent.

5. Public Comments

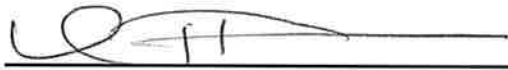
Tom McClellan – 3 Dogwood Ct. asked what Spectrum’s presentation would have been about, installing a tower? Nauman replied no, we were looking at internet service for Village offices and the pool. McClellan asked what the purpose of installing a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of the hill on Woodland circle. Boito replied, to slow down traffic.,

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Nauman made a motion to adjourn. The vote was called, and motion carried. The Work Session adjourned at 6:01PM.



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



Don Boito
Mayor