

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Village Hall Meeting Room
November 30, 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:** Mary Gilroy and other residents of the Village.

4. Discussion Items

- **Spectrum Internet**

Councilmember Nauman reported the internet service contract with Velocity is paid quarterly and will end in December. Nauman would like to go with Spectrum for internet service to the Village offices, police department, and pool facility. The yearly cost for service with Spectrum is \$4,320.00. Discussion ensued on the number of internet connections, cost division, water tower connection, and internet speed comparison.

- **Fire & Police Update**

Councilmember Nelson reported Lt. Garner hit a deer with the pickup. The damage is mostly plastic and bumper replacement. The vehicle can still be driven. An insurance claim for repairs was filed by the Village Clerk.

Nelson commended the fire department first responders and Officer Chris Judge for their response and actions to assist Village resident Bill Hess. Mr. Hess fell at his home and unfortunately passed away. Officer Judge went beyond his duties as an officer, staying with Ms. Hess for support after the incident and offering to assist Ms. Hess with her fire alarm.

- **MPO Update**

Mayor Boito reported the last formation meeting was held this morning. The Memo of Understanding from all municipalities and portion of the County will be sent to the State Transportation Secretary. The Letters of Dissent will be included. The Town of Pinebluff signed the MOU however did not submit a Letter of Dissent.

- **P&Z Board Recommendations – Call Public Hearings for January 9, 2024**

- a) *Family and Limited Subdivision*
- b) *Temporary Structures*
- c) *Accessory Building Size-lots less than one-acre*
- d) *Special Use Permits*

Mayor Boito asked the council to review their February calendars to schedule a date for public hearings. Due to employee absences, holiday office closings, and public notice requirements, the hearings will need to be in February. The council agreed to schedule the hearings for February 20, 2023.

5. Public Comments

Heather (?), Manager of the Foxfire General Store reported the new store owners put in electronic gaming machines. The decision came from their corporate office without knowing the machines were prohibited by the Village ordinance. Heather asked the council to consider amending the ordinance to allow electronic gaming machines. Mayor Boito responded that the owners have a right to appeal the Zoning Administrators decision, with the Board of Adjustment within 30-days. Heather added the machines will be removed within 10 days as required by the violation notice.

Mary Gilroy commented that P&Z should review the ordinance and request to allow gaming machines in the VB. Gilroy reported there are two vacant seats on the P&Z Board. The P&Z Board has called a Special Meeting to begin review of the Long-Range Plan. Gilroy addressed the public hearings, the Municipal Zoning, and concerns on spot zoning.

Councilmember Nauman made a motion to recess the work session at 4:55 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) *To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.*

Councilmember Nauman made a motion to go into a Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) at 5:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nauman made a motion to close the Closed Session at 5:24 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to reopen the work session. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to adjourn. The vote was called, and motion carried. The Work Session adjourned at 5:25 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor