

MINUTES
Foxfire Village Council
Regular Business Meeting
January 14, 2025 ~ 4:30 PM
Village Hall Meeting Room

1. Call to Order: Mayor Gregorich called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. Members Present: Mayor Pro Temp Janet Nauman, Councilmembers Mary Gilroy, and Don Nelson
3. Members Absent: Councilmember Warren Morgan
4. Others Present: Police Chief Michael Amezquita and Several members of the public.
5. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Councilmember Mary Gilroy led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Approval of January 14, 2025, Regular Business Meeting Agenda

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting agenda as written, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and 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
 - December 10, 2024 Regular Business Meeting
 - December 26, 2024 Work Session
 - January 3, 2025 Special CLOSED
- B. Board Re-Appointments
 - Connie Korner – BOA 3-year term
 - George Hedrick – BOA 3-year term
 - Teresa Jackson – P&Z 4-year term

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman moved to adopt the consent agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Gilroy and carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda
NONE

9. Zoning Report – Lisa Kivett

Lisa Kivett provided the following zoning report from December 11, 2024 through January 14, 2025.

Three (3) Single Family Residence Application:
Foxfire Blvd Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3

Five (5) Certificate of Zoning Compliance were issued:
209 Grande Pines Ct W
3 Birdie Ct
132 Courtland Circle
550 Grande Pines Vista
207 Windswept Vista

Other Permits Issued:
One (1) fence

Kivett reported that a 2024-year end summary of zoning permits issued will be presented by the mayor at the upcoming FPOA meeting.

10. Council Member Reports:

- A. Finance – Mary Gilroy
 - Financial Report

Gilroy reported that the Village CPA was out of the country for several weeks and unable to get the December financial to us in time for the meeting. Gilroy gave a financial update as of November 30, 2024. Balances on hand in the General Fund, which includes both First Bank and the NC Capital Management Trust account are \$3,522,988 and in the Water Fund, are \$1,263,172. Gilroy is scheduled to meet later this month with John Frye from NC Capital Trust to review interest rates and adjustments for 2025. Gilroy reported that Moore County provides a month end property tax collection report. As of today, they have collected \$830,894. They still have roughly \$100,000 to collect.

B. Streets and Park – Janet Nauman

- South Shamrock Drive Striping

Nauman reported that in the previous year, the council agreed to repaint the yellow striping on South Shamrock. Turner Asphalt has now completed this work but unfortunately had a slight issue with the line being painted crooked. Nauman will ask that they fix the issue.

C. Public Safety – Don Nelson

Councilmember Nelson asked Chief Amezcuita to provide a report for the previous month.

Chief Amezcuita reported the following:

- He provided the council with monthly, and YTD call sheets for the police department.
- Several recent instances of vandalism including spray painting, and property damage at the park were addressed. All issues are currently being investigated and those responsible will be charged accordingly.
- Chief Amezcuita received a phone call from the golf course manager. The golf course will no longer allow residents of the apartments to park in their parking lot. The golf course would like the parking requirement to be enforced. The chief advised them that the police had no authority to enforce parking on private property. Councilmember Gilroy suggested the club write a letter to the property owners before just tossing cars. Mayor Pro Temp Nauman added that proper signage should be placed in the area.

Brief discussion followed.

- Officers are enforcing speeding on Richmond Road and issuing speeding citations. One car was recently stopped and cited for going 60+ mph.
- The chief reminded residents that golf carts are not permitted on Richmond or Hoffman Roads. They are permitted on Village streets and are subject to all the same laws as motor vehicles. Those driving must be at least 16 years of age with a driver's license. Parents of underage drivers could be charged.
- Chief Amezcuita provided details on four recent drug arrests, one methamphetamine, two cocaine, and one marijuana with intent to sell and deliver.
- He further commended Officer Coughenour for his arrest the previous evening which seized over an ounce of marijuana, six THC cartridges, and a Glock 45 pistol.
- The department had an additional arrest for DWI and confiscated a firearm from an individual who frequents the Village Park and plays loud music. This individual does not live here but had been staying with a friend who does.
- Officer Coughenour hit a deer a while back. The chief received a call saying that the repairs of the car are complete, and it is ready for pick up.
- Both Sergeant Kivett and Officer McNeill completed their State of North Carolina Radar Certification.
- Officers McNeill and Coughenour are attending Intoxicant Training next month to be certified on using the breathalyzer machines. We do not have a machine, however both Pinehurst and the jail will allow us to use theirs.
- Both the chief and Sergeant Kivett are in the process of purging the evidence room. Some items in there date back to 2006. All items will be destroyed according to the court requirements. There are several weapons and if they can be awarded to the Village, they could be sold to a gun store and profits returned to the Village.
- The chief commended his department for the number of calls they answered in 2024 with half the staff than they had in 2023. Calls in 2023 were 10,063 and in 2024 10,966.

Councilmember Nelson reported issues again with the South Shamrock gate. The battery we have had for two years will need replaced with a lithium battery. He spoke with Chief Stromberg who ordered the battery however it was too large. Erik is going to order and pay for a weatherproof box to put it in. The council briefly discussed the gate issues and the need for keys to open the gate by both fire and law enforcement.

Nelson reported the fire department has been busy with 60 calls so far and 28% of them being in Foxfire.

D. Mayors Report – Janice Gregorich

- NCLM Legislative Goals and Appointments of the Village Voting Members

Mayor Gregorich reported that the League of Municipalities recently solicited ideas for legislative goal statements from the local governments they serve. The NCLM Board of Directors compiled a list of 16 goal statements and asked that each municipality review and pick up ten goals they are in favor of. In addition, the Village must appoint a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate. Each council member received a copy of the recommended goal statements and reviewed each in detail. The council agreed to vote for goals #2, #3, #9, #15, and #16.

A copy of the Legislative Goal Statements is made part of these minutes as “Attachment A”.

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman nominated Mary Gilroy to be the NCLM Voting Delegate, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. The nomination carried.

Mary Gilroy will receive the ballot via email, vote and return to the NCLM.

- Central Pines Regional Council Meeting Update and Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate

Mayor Gregorich and Village Administrator Lisa Kivett met with three members of the Central Pines Regional Council on January 9th. Those in attendance were elected officials from both Aberdeen and Apex, and one of the council’s board members. This regional council was previously called Triangle J Council of Governments. They serve numerous counties with administering a variety of things that smaller governments cannot do. The cost to become a member is waived this year up through June 30. The membership fee beginning July 1 will be based on 44 cents per resident, coming out to \$636.00. Council briefly discussed some of the specific matters they could assist the Village with including grant writing and human resources.

Councilmember Mary Gilroy moved to join the Central Pines Regional Council at 44 cents per 1,444 residents, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. The nomination carried.

Information on Central Pines Regional Council and what they do for municipalities is made part of these minutes as “Attachment B”.

The Village will need to elect a voting delegate and an alternate delegate.

Mayor Pro Temp Nauman nominated Janice Gregorich to be the Central Pines Regional Council’s Voting Delegate, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. The nomination carried.

Mayor Gregorich nominated Mary Gilroy to be the Central Pines Regional Council’s Alternate Voting Delegate, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. The nomination carried.

The Village will submit the request to join and names of the delegate and alternate for the CPRC to approve at their upcoming January Board Meeting.

- Amendment to NCGS 160D-601 (d), Defining Down-Zoning

Mayor Gregorich commented that this amendment to 160D is a new law that among other things requires 100% participation from property owners in order to downsize or create a non-conforming property. This item will be moved to the upcoming work session agenda.

11. Public Comment Period - Comments on items listed on this agenda.

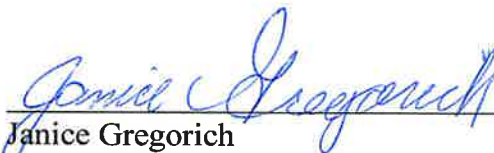
NONE

12. Adjourn

Councilmember Gilroy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp Nauman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.



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



Janice Gregorich
Mayor