

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Foxfire Village Hall
January 13, 2015 – 6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Steve Durham called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Frusco, Councilman Vic Koons, and Councilman Mick McCue
Councilman Jon Sedlak arrived at 6:35 PM.
3. **Others Present:** Lisa Kivert-Village Clerk, Sharon Sanchez – Deputy Finance Officer Greg Hankins-Seven Lakes Times, P&Z Chair Mary Gilroy, Police Chief Chad Shue, Police Officer Scott Patterson, Retired Police Chief Michael Campbell and wife April Campbell, and Village Residents MaryAnne Lauer and Susan Harsany
4. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor Durham requested those present to pause for a moment of silence. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.
5. **Recognition – Retiring Police Chief Michael Campbell**

Retiring Police Chief Michael Campbell was recognized for his dedication and service to the Village. Councilman McCue spoke briefly about Chief Campbell's personal life and professional career. He elaborated on Chief Campbell's many accomplishments in the Village since 2001.

Chief Campbell was presented with an American Flag which flew in the Village Green Park over the Rick Ryhne Memorial during the date of his official retirement of December 31, 2014. In addition he was presented with a shadow box containing his sidearm, badges, name plate and Village uniform patches worn during his career.

Chief Campbell spoke to those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support and guidance over his 13 years with the police department.

6. Additions and Approval of Agenda:

Councilman McCue added "*Part-time Police Officer*" to his report. He also mentioned there would be no promotion ceremony for Police Chief Chad Shue and Corporal Scott Patterson this evening as noted on the agenda, it will actually be held for on Sunday, January 18th at the Village Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended seconded by Councilman McCue and carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
- B. Resolution #R15-01 – Awarding Badge and Service Sidearm
- C. Stonehill Pines Fourth Amendment to Development Agreement

End of Consent Agenda

Councilman McCue made a motion to adopt the consent agenda seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frusco and carried unanimously.

- 8. Public Comment Period:**
None

9. Planning & Zoning Board Report – Mary Gilroy

Mary Gilroy reported the first yearly meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board is scheduled for Monday, January 19th.

She reported that she and Councilman McCue have attended the Highway 211 Corridor committee meetings. The committee is thinking carefully about how the corridor should be developed. NCDOT is conducting a secondary study of the corridor because they intend to make 211 a “super street” with deceleration lanes and limited access and plan to increase to four lanes up to Seven Lakes. Foxfire does not have property located in the ETJ bordering 211. When 211 was redone, the easement was taken by the railroad. The Village does not have a huge part to play but it will be helpful to know what the County and NCDOT are looking at for the future of the road.

10. Councilmember’s Reports:

A. Finance – Leslie Frusco

1. Finance Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported cash balances as of December 31, 2014 in the general fund are \$1,480,183. Of this amount \$397,186 are restricted funds reserved for the Capital Reserve Fund, the Debt Service Fund, an assigned fund for future debt services and also for the Stonehill Development. The unrestricted total in the general fund is \$1, 082,997. The water fund balance consists of a total of \$586,794 of which \$136,076 is restricted for a new well. The total cash balances in the Village as of December 31, 2014 are \$2,066,976.

The annual Woodland Circle annual loan payment is due in April in the amount of \$178,962. Of this amount, \$164,798 will come from the general fund and \$14,164 from the water fund.

The Village has currently collected about 91 to 92 percent of Village property taxes and will continue to pursue those outstanding tax bills before we advertise in the newspaper at the end of February.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco asked the council members prepare any questions they have on the recent audit report and present them at the next work session.

B. Public Safety – Mick McCue

1. Part-time Police Officer

Councilman McCue reported when Officer Patterson was moved to a full-time position it left a part-time position open. Chief Shue has found a suitable candidate to fill the part-time position. He asked if council had any objections to filling this position before he moves forward. He added this candidate has the right experience, education and training and the flexibility to do part-time work for the Village. By adding the part-time position, the Village will have better police coverage during the more important times each day.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco asked if this could be discussed as part of the budget discussion. Councilman McCue replied we could but we would risk losing this particular candidate.

Mayor Durham asked if this position would be the same as salary and hours as it was before. Councilman McCue responded it would be based on 20 hours per week. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco added it would still need to be covered under the North Carolina Retirement Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco commented that she personally hoped the Village would not have to purchase the new vehicle that was put into the budget this year because the Village is facing some significant issues coming our way. She asked if this person is pursued, will the Village be in a position where we have to purchase the new car. Councilman McCue replied eventually yes, at some point for safety. He added we should not go backward in the Police

Department, we have had a part-time position since 2010. We currently have 80 hours of police coverage in a week. When adding in administrative time, maintenance, required training for officers, we are much less than 50% coverage. Twenty extra hours a week helps a lot.

Councilman Sedlak commented he did not have enough facts on this issue and asked if council might be given a little time to review the issues before making and decisions. Mayor Durham responded he was fine with filling the part-time vacancy because this was a budgeted position. A good compromise for him would be to go forward with filling the position and take a little more time with the need for the vehicle. Councilman Koos agreed with Mayor Durham that the position should be filled.

Councilman McCue added the car is off the table for this year and he agreed several months prior that we would not purchase the car this year. He understands that replacing the vehicle is in the next budgetary process. He is supportive of filling this part-time position.

Councilman McCue will proceed with the hiring of the individual for the part-time position.

C. Water Department – Jon Sedlak

1. Pool Pump House

Councilman Sedlak reported that the pool pump house was in need of repair and replacement. He received one estimate for repairs to the pump house and is waiting for a second bid. Brief discussion ensued on the items in need of repairs.

Councilman Sedlak reported on the yearly water consumption. The Village produced 7% more water this year than the prior calendar year. We were up to almost 30 million gallons this year from 28 million the prior year. Over the period of May to August production was higher than the prior year's production and all other months were similar or a little less than the prior year. During May and August we had substantially less rainfall and also a leak.

Mayor Durham added that water restrictions were also lifted in April of 2014, some of the water rates were increased, and we had the US Opens during that time.

D. Streets and Park – Vic Koos

1. Patching Update

Councilman Koos reported that we do not pave this time of the year because of the weather. What does happen is that cracks and chips in pavement occurs during the winter months. He is planning to schedule some crack and chip repair in the next couple months and procuring estimates. He will consider possibly moving some money into paving because he would like to look at paving the East side entrance.

Councilman Koos added he contacted DOT to look at the intersection of Hillside and Hoffman Rd. The area is dangerous when pulling out onto Hoffman Road's oncoming traffic. He is asking that DOT consider installing a mirror across Hoffman Rd. for drivers to view before entering Hoffman Rd.

E. Mayors Report – Steve Durham

1. FPOA Annual Meeting

Mayor Durham reported the Foxfire Property Owners Association is Tuesday, January 20th at the Club. He asked that council members attend if at all possible.

Mayor Durham asked Councilman McCue what time the promotion ceremony would begin. Councilman McCue replied 2:00 PM.

11. Public Comment Period (Comments on Council Member Reports Only):

MaryAnne Lauer feels that even though the Village has a good candidate for the part-time position, the money should be saved and used toward the Woodland Circle debt. She understands that two police officers cannot provide adequate coverage but the Village residents also pay county taxes and we should call on the Sheriff's department more.

Susan Harsany spoke opposite of Mrs. Lauer. She commented that we need more police coverage. She noted that some neighbors know when the police are on or off duty. These particular neighbors were setting off fireworks and by the time she would have made contact with the Sheriff, they would have been done.

12. Old Business:

None

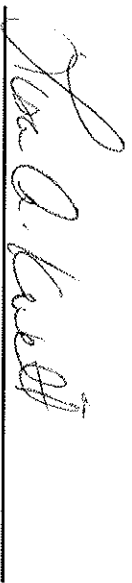
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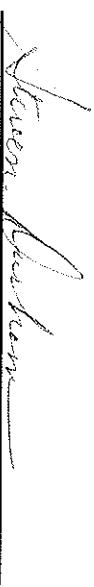
14. Adjournment:

Councilman McCue made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Sedlak and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

As so incorporated to these minutes of January 13, 2015 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
Village Clerk



Steven Durham
Mayor