

**MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Foxfire Village Hall
May 10, 2016 – 6:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor E.M. McCue III called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Members Present** – Councilman Don Boito, Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Frusco, Councilman Vic Koos, and Councilman Jon Sedlak
3. **Others Present** – Mary Gilroy and MaryAnne Lauer
4. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor McCue requested those present to pause for a moment of silence. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.
5. **Additions and Approval of the May 10, 2016 Agenda**
Councilman Boito added *Price for Road Engineering* to his report.

Councilman Koos made a motion to adopt the May 10, 2016 Agenda as amended seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frusco and 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. April 12, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 2. April 28, 2016 – Work Session
 3. May 3, 2016 – Citizen Participation Meeting

End of Consent Agenda

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

Mayor McCue congratulated Lisa Kivett for her successful completion of the Zoning Official Course she took at the School of Government. Ms. Kivett is now a North Carolina Certified Zoning Official.

7. Public Comment Period:

MaryAnne Lauer asked what the benefit to the Village is now that Ms. Kivett received certification. Mayor McCue replied that she has been handling the zoning position for some time and now she is certified giving the Village more expertise when making zoning decisions.

8. Zoning Administrator's Report – Lisa Kivett

Ms. Kivett reported the following activity for the month of April 2016:

There are nine (9) homes approved for or currently under construction, seven (7) are in the corporate limits and two (2) in the ETJ. One set of Duplex units is under construction. Two (2) Certificate of Occupancy were issued.

The following permit applications were approved in the month of April:

- One (1) Pole Barn (ETJ)
- One (1) Single Family Residence (ETJ)
- One (1) Propane Tank
- One (1) Well Drilling

Seven (7) Violation Notices were issued for sanitation (pinecones, pinestraw, dead/leaning trees etc.)

Three (3) phone calls received regarding trailers and a boat parked in driveways. All were forwarded to the Police Department for contact and further action.

9. Councilmember's Reports:

A. Finance – Leslie Frusco 1. Finance Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported the following as of April 30, 2016. The general fund balance is \$1,232,432, of this amount \$446,566 are restricted funds for Stonehill, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Debt Service Fund. The remaining \$785,867 is unrestricted. The water fund cash balance is \$687,020 of which \$161,076 is restricted for future well(s). The balance of \$525,944 is unrestricted. The total cash balance is \$1,919,452.

She reminded citizen of the second Citizens Participation Meeting scheduled for May 12th, 4:30 PM at the Village Hall and that the Council will be meeting on May 24th to review and finalize the budget figures for 2016-2017.

B. Public Safety – Vic Koos 1. Accidents on Roads

Councilman Koos reported on a couple of accidents in the recent weeks involving a golf cart and truck and two bicyclists who crashed into each other while riding on Hoffman Rd. He asked that extra caution be taken when driving through the Village.

2. Chinese Swan Geese

Councilman Koos raised concerns with the safety of the Chinese Swan Geese that live in the golf course ponds. One was recently hit and killed by a golf cart and another injured by a fish hook. A resident took the injured goose to the vet for treatment and also brought back an additional goose to the Village. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reminded Council that the Village has an ordinance regarding fowl as pets in the Village. We cannot do anything about wild animals coming into the Village but we should not encourage people to bring more in.

3. Police Coverage Area

Councilman Koos addressed a recent question if the Village police patrol the Grande Pines subdivision. Yes, the police patrol the area every day. Officer Corey Adams said this was true.

C. Water Department – Jon Sedlak No report

D. Streets and Park – Don Boito 1. Discussion Re: Alcohol Consumption and Park Hours

Councilman Boito reported that new park rules had been drafted. He added on the changes and additions to the existing rules including removal of references to specific Village ordinance and changing the alcohol consumption rule. Mayor McCue elaborated on the alcohol consumption rule and suggested further changes to the park hours. McCue added that “no weapons per NCGS 14-269” should also be added to the rules. A new park rules sign will be made and placed at the park. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco said she would like to see the internet installed at the park so the cameras will be able to track activity. Lisa Kivett said she would contact Velocity Broadband about installation of a tower at the park.

2. Road Engineering Quote

Councilman Boito received a quote from an engineering company in Raleigh to complete an engineering study of Village roads. The quote was \$20,000. Council was not interested in pursuing this at this time.

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor McCue attended a recent western connector meeting and will attend another in the coming week. They are trying to get the MCTC to give a recommendation of where they might at least study a western connector. McCue elaborated on the meeting and the various possible outcomes.

10. Public Comment Period:

No Comments

Mayor McCue asked for a brief recess while waiting for Planning & Zoning Chair Mary Gilroy to arrive. The council was in recess at 7:08 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:17 PM.

11. Planning & Zoning Board Recommendations – Mary Gilroy

Mary Gilroy presented a Powerpoint presentation to council with proposed changes to the residential square footage recommendations that the Planning & Zoning Board had previously given. The board feels that increasing the minimum square footage from 1,800 to 2,000 does not appear to accomplish much. It's not about square footage, it's about what someone plans to build and how it looks on the lot. She further discussed the research done to make this assumption. Frusco commented that the council wanted them to look at flat square footage as appose to how much on the first floor vs. the second floor. Gilroy responded the board recommends that we eliminate the first floor requirement and an increase from 1,200 to 1,500 in the RA district. Frusco added that the Legislature may in the future eliminate the Village's authority to govern zoning in the ETJ. P&Z wishes to continue with adding restrictions in the RA until something is certain to happen in the legislature.

McCue questioned the requirements of garages and if we are still requiring them. Ms. Gilroy and Ms. Kivett both said no, we cannot say what kinds of rooms are in a home. McCue asked that the Village Attorney be contacted for clarification on this issue. McCue also asked that "side entry garages are strongly preferred, except when located at the end of a cul-de-sac" be eliminated. McCue proposed putting the recommendations into an ordinance format and put on the July agenda. He thinks the council is on board with the square footage recommendations except with the RA.

Ms. Gilroy said a recommendation on accessory buildings had not been made but she wanted to give a thumbnail sketch of what the board is talking about and the road they are going down. She presented a second Powerpoint presentation outlining the potential changes. Extensive discussion ensued.

A copy of both Powerpoint presentations are attachments to these minutes.

12. Public Comment Period:

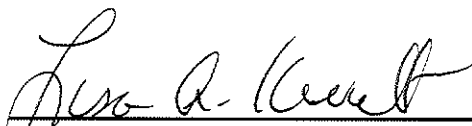
No Comments

13. Old Business: None

14. New Business: None

Councilman Koos made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frusco and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

As so incorporated to these minutes of May 10, 2016 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, CZO
Village Clerk



E.M. McCue III
Mayor