

**VILLAGE OF PINEHURST
VILLAGE COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION-JULY 11, 2023**

**ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

MINUTES

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Closed Session Meeting following its Work Session, held at 6:37 p.m., Tuesday June 11, 2023, in the Assembly Hall of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The Closed Session Meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM.

The purpose of the Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5), was to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents, concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and the other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

The following were in attendance in the Assembly Hall:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor	Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember	Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager	Mr. Jeff Batton, Asst. Village Manager
Mr. Doug Willardson, Asst. Village Manager	

MAYOR STRICKLAND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss a proposal from a private interest with the name of NC Racing & Entertainment to purchase the harness track facility for the purpose of building a harness racing facility, gaming complex, and various restaurants. No purchase price was specified.

Mayor John Strickland described that, out of courtesy, he, Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, and Village Manager Jeff Sanborn met with representatives of the company, their consulting firm of ABNO and Natalie Hawkins to discuss their interest in this Village property. He described that at the beginning of that meeting he informed the assembled representatives that the Village would certainly have significant concerns with what we expected the proposal to entail.

Mayor Strickland described the full nature of the proposal and he, Patrick Pizzella, and Mr. Sanborn answered clarifying questions from Councilmembers Boesch and Morgan. Councilmembers formed a consensus option that the Village should respond to Natalie Hawkins that the property is not for sale.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session at 7:25 p.m., by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Chance, Village Clerk