

Council Meeting October 8th

Comments by Rosie Juliano:

I respectfully ask the Village Council members to consider a few requests.

- Provide public council meetings at family-friendly and work-friendly times by moving our meeting time from 4:30 to 6pm.

Neighboring communities, such as, Whispering Pines, Southern Pines, Pine Bluff, Aberdeen, Carthage, and Taylortown schedule council meetings 6 & 6:30pm.

Pinehurst is an exception where meetings may run from 4:30 to as late as 8:30pm.

- Provide real-time video recordings

Neighboring communities, such as, Whispering Pines, Southern Pines, Pine Bluff, Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinehurst and Taylortown offer live stream videos for residents on their website and/or YouTube. A Foxfire resident records sessions voluntarily.

August 2023, cost analysis was mentioned about video recordings. The LRP refers to video recordings year after year. When will work be done?

- Provide substantive agendas and “packets” which relate to agenda items.

Informative agendas would help drive up meeting attendance and allows residents to make better choices. May 18, 2023, packets were discussed at the retreat as necessary. What's the status?

- Provide meeting minutes on the website a timely basis.

For those that cannot attend meetings, minutes are their opportunity to catch-up with what's happening in the Village. No packets and delayed minutes translates to keeping residents in the dark.

We are striving for

transparency, accountability, and effective communications with residents which are essential in a democratic society to build trust and confidence in the workings of local government.