

Currently, the responsibilities listed below rests with Council Member Mary Gilroy. While this arrangement may have been suitable 16 years ago, the village has since grown significantly, and it is no longer reasonable to place such an important task on the shoulders of an unpaid volunteer.

In most communities, the responsibility of preparing the annual budget typically falls to a town manager or town administrator. If we want to attract young working residents to run for a council seat this year, this system needs to change.

Some may argue that hiring an administrator is unaffordable or that it would lead to higher taxes. But let's be honest—priorities matter. Recently, the council allocated nearly \$300,000 to repair a pool that's over 50 years old. If we can find the funds for that, surely, we can invest in the future of our village by entrusting critical responsibilities—such as managing the water system, budget, and bidding processes—to a qualified, experienced, paid professional.

As the demands of our village continue to increase, it's time to reconsider how these important responsibilities are assigned to ensure the effective and professional management of our growing community.

CODE OF ORDINANCES FOXFIRE VILLAGE, NORTH CAROLINA

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- **DIVISION 3. - DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**
- **Sec. 2-127. - Duties, responsibilities.**

The village council shall appoint a council person as the director of finance and his duties and responsibilities shall be as follows:

- (1) Having charge and custody of and is responsible for all funds and securities of the village.
- (2) Depositing funds and maintaining bank accounts in banks designated by the council.
- (3) Keeping books of account of all money received for and paid out on behalf of the village.
- (4) Rendering a statement of condition of finances at such meetings or at such times as may be requested by the village council.
- (5) Exhibiting books of account and records to the village council as requested by it.
- (6) Preparing the annual budget for the village and presenting it to the village council for its approval.
- (7) Signing checks of the village jointly with either the finance officer or the mayor.
- (8) Approving all purchase orders.
- (9) Such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to him by law, by the council or by rules and regulations issued by the state local government commission.

(Code 1993, § 1-28; Code 2002, § 2-96; Ord. of 8-13-2002)