

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2026**

Mayor Mark Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mark Baker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials and staff were present: Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall, Council Member Chris Starling, Council Member Chris Copeland, Village Administrator Lori Shore, Attorney Amy Lanning, and Clerk Kimberly Keen. Council Member Jennifer Stone was absent. Total in attendance: 10

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mayor Mark Baker opened the floor to receive public comment. Being no one gave written or verbal requests wishing to address the Council, Mayor Mark Baker closed the meetings public comment portion.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Administrator Lori Shore updated the Council on the following items:

- The Primary Election was held on March 3, 2026.
- Newly Elected Council Members will need to have 2 hours of ethics training within their first year in office.
- Daylight savings time will begin on Sunday, March 8, 2026. The Village Park hours of operation will be 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Discussion of choice of pastor for the National Day of Prayer
- Discussion of an old organ that had been donated to the Village of Tobaccoville years ago. It was the consensus of the Council to have Administrator Lori Shore declare the organ of no value. The organ will be donated to a local church.
- Discussion of the purchase of a new television, projector, and stand for the Community Center. The Council instructed Village Administrator Lori Shore to go ahead with the purchase of these items.
- Discussion of area in new section of the park that has tree stumps and overgrowth from the original clearing. The Council instructed Village Administrator Lori Shore to go forward with contacting Tobacco Ridge to come remove stumps and clear overgrowth. This will leave the area clear and ready to be seeded for grass.

Mayor Mark Baker stated that the PARC Committee will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at 2 p.m. There will also be a Food Truck present for this event.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall made a motion to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Chris Copeland seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (attachment)

The monthly financial update was presented by Administrator Lori Shore. Mayor Mark Baker conducted an internal audit of the records for the month of January 2026 and found no discrepancies. (attachment)

Council Member Chris Copeland made a motion to change the date of the April 2026 Council Meeting to Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. To set a Budget Workshop dates of Monday, April 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Council Member Chris Starling seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Council Member Chris Starling made a motion to declare May 7, 2026 “*The National Day of Prayer*” in the Village of Tobaccoville. Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chris Copeland seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Kimberly L. Keen, Village Clerk

Mark Baker, Mayor

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