

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 7, 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, Council Member Jennifer Stone, Village Administrator Lori Shore, Attorney Amy Lanning, and Clerk Kimberly Keen. 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 meeting's public comment portion.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

Administrator Lori Shore updated the Council on the following items:

- Village Park hours of operation are now 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- National Day of Prayer was held Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Village Gazebo, led by Pastor Art Wilt of Old Richmond Evangelical Methodist Church.
- Tobacco Ridge removed tree stumps and a wood chip pile from new section of the park grounds and David planted grass.
- Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

The next event to be hosted by the PARC Committee will be a Movie in the Park on June 12, 2026 featuring *Lilo & Stitch*.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall made a motion to approve the April 6, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes, the April 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, and the April 6, 2026 Closed Session 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. Council Member Chris Starling conducted an internal audit of the records for the month of March 2026 and found no discrepancies. (attachment)

**ACTION AGENDA**

The Village Council reviewed the 2026-2027 budget information provided by Administrator Lori Shore. Council Member Chris Starling made a motion to set the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing on June 4, 2026 at 7 p.m. at Tobaccoville Village Hall. Council Member Jennifer Stone seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member Chris Copeland made a motion to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The Council went into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall made a motion to exit closed session and return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. Council Member Jennifer Stone seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Chris Starling a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chris Copeland seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Kimberly L. Keen, Village Clerk

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Mark Baker, Mayor

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