

VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 2026

Mayor Mark Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Jennifer Stone 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: 12

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 Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.
- US Army Band will play at the Village Amphitheater on July 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning for the Anniversary Celebration continues to make progress. Old Richmond Volunteer Fire Department will help with traffic control.
- Provided the Council with mock changes of what the renovations in the Community Center could look like.
- Invoices for the Board of Elections were higher than expected. The Village of Tobaccoville and the Town of Rural Hall were the only two municipalities to have a primary election and thus the cost was spilt between the two.
- Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall, Administrator Lori Shore, and Clerk Kimberly Keen attended the Forsyth County Agricultural Center ribbon cutting on June 26, 2026.
- Village of Tobaccoville should be receiving state funding this year.
- House Bill 1068, which removes the cap on satellite annexation from the City of King, was introduced by Representative Kyle Hall.

Upcoming events to be hosted by the PARC:

Movie in the Park on August 7, 2026 at dusk. The movie to be shown: *Superman*. The Crepes & Creamery food truck will be on site.

Anniversary Celebration on September 19, 2026 from 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. There will be live music, vendors, food trucks, and a car/tractor show. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit and the Old Richmond Fire Department will also be on site.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Chris Starling made a motion to approve the June 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (attachment)

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall made a motion to approve the June 4, 2026 Closed Session 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. Council Member Chris Starling conducted an internal audit of the records for the month of May 2026 and found no discrepancies. (attachment)

ACTION AGENDA

Council Member Jennifer Stone made a motion to adopt Ordinance #213 that includes a text amendment to Section 8 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to reflect updates to the adopted North Carolina Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Council Member Chris Starling seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion

ACTION AGENDA FOR REVIEW

Administrator Lori Shore notified the Council that a formal offer has been made by Tobacco Ridge for the property at 4140 Tobaccoville Road, which meets the Fair Market Value requirements. Council reviewed with Attorney Amy Lanning and Administrator Lori Shore the statutory authorities for conveying property to a private sector. Council Member Chris Copeland made a motion to set a public hearing regarding the sale of the property at 4140 Tobaccoville Road. The public hearing will be held on August 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public. Persons wishing to be heard are invited to make written or oral comments. Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jennifer Stone a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chris Starling seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Kimberly L. Keen, Village Clerk

Mark Baker, Mayor

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