VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2026

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Chris Starling gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials and staff were present: 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. Mayor Mark Baker was absent. Total in attendance: 18

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall opened the floor to receive public comment:

Brent Coles - 8275 Whipporwill Lane, Rural Hall 27045 came before the Council to discuss roads conditions during the winter months and how to get the roads in Tobaccoville cleared in a timely manner. Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall stated that the Council is aware of this issue and are working to have a resolution at the next Council meeting. Council Member Jennifer Stone stated to Mr. Coles that she is working on the issue.

Jeff Zenger – North Carolina General Assembly State Representative awarded grant funds to the Council in the amount of $300,000.00 and $100,000.00 awarded from Senator Dana Caudill Jones to be used for capital improvements for The Village of Tobaccoville.

Giving no other individual gave written or verbal requests wishing to address the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Carla Hall 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:

- The Fall 2026 Villager Newsletter was released today.
- The Village Park hours have changed to: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- The sale of the rent house at 4140 Tobaccoville Road has a tentative closing date of October 13, 2026.
- Early voting begins October 15, 2026. Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election will run through October 31, 2026, with voters able to cast ballots at any early voting location in Forsyth County.

- There will be no changes in the garbage and recycle services during Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Routes will operate on a normal basis.
- The Village will be purchasing a town truck from the Village of Clemmons. The purchase price will be under budget. The truck will include a dump bed and snow plow.
- Administrator Lori Shore contacted the North Carolina League of Municipalities regarding the possible purchase of a commercial Christmas tree for the Village. The tree would need to be stored on Village property to be covered under the Village property and liability policy.
- PARC received 4 new applications during the Anniversary Celebration. The applications will be reviewed by the PARC and if approved, a background check will be conducted, and then presented to the Council for approval. Ed Schwander and Diane Schwander memberships will be up for renewal in December 2026. The PARC officers are Chris Copeland as Chairman and Leanne Gay as Secretary.

Upcoming events to be hosted by the PARC:

Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30, 2026. Refreshments will be served at 5:45 p.m. and the program will start at 6:00 p.m. with carols, a message from Pastor Forrest Ritchey from Gospel Mission Baptist Church and the reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and a visit from Santa.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Chris Copeland made a motion to approve the September 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and to approve the September 3, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Council Member Jennifer Stone 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 August 2026 and found no discrepancies. (attachment)

ACTION AGENDA

No Action Agenda Items for October 1, 2026 Council Meeting.

ACTION AGENDA FOR REVIEW

Council reviewed options for a Christmas Tree for the Village Park. Administrator Lori Shore advised the Council to start with a 12-foot Christmas tree, as this was recommended by the tree company representatives as the Village does not have the equipment to install or breakdown a tree over 12-foot. Administrator Lori Shore reminded the Council that there is no appropriation in the current budget for a Christmas tree and recommended using a real tree this year and ordering a tower tree in January 2027 to save 33% on the cost of a tree. Council Member Jennifer Stone presented a quote in the amount of $11,951.87 and made a motion to purchase a 16-foot tower tree with a 4-foot star for the Village Park. Council Member Chris Copeland

seconded. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, with Council Member Chris Starling voting opposed. (attachments)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jennifer Stone made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chris Starling seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

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Kimberly L. Keen, Village Clerk Mark Baker, Mayor

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