

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present as follows:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Dennis Lacey, Mayor Pro Tem Gunther Jochl, Council Member Norris Clifton, and Council Member Scott Brown

Council Members Absent:

Council Member, David Ammann

Village Hall Staff Present:

Police Chief David Henson, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, Village Manager David Lane, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded official meeting.

Approximately 9 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Invocation**- Mayor Dennis Lacey delivered the Invocation.
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to approve the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
5. **Village Manager Communications** – Village Manager, David Lane updated council on the pan handling ordinance. The ordinance is a little more complicated due to the first amendment. Chief, David Henson spoke with another officer in Boone and have been enforcing aggressive panhandling. Aggressive panhandling is when someone is approaching and harassing people for money. Boone has yet to be challenged, but Durham has. The Village Attorney has submitted his opinion on developing the ordinance. Council Member, Scott Brown requested to copy Boone’s ordinance and suspend our ordinance if any challenges arise. The Village Attorney will create a draft ordinance and bring back to council for review. The public works department has completed fabricating the bed for the new village truck and has done a great job.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **New/Updated Police Code of Conduct with Directives** – The Village Attorney did review and advised it is a very good ordinance. Village Manager, David Lane recommends to adopt the ordinance/policy as submitted. Chief, David Henson stated the policy has modernized. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to adopt the policy with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
 - b. **Board of Adjustment Committee Recommendations** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey reported that two new applications have been received from Susan Kirkland and Nancy Crawford. Two previous members David Johnson and David Ammann have requested to return for another term. Council Member, Scott Brown stated these are four very good candidates. Unless, there is a reason to get rid of an incumbent the incumbent should be reappointed. Scott Brown motioned to reappoint David Johnson and David Ammann to the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

- c. **Spring 2016' Paving** – Village Manager reported the estimated cost of the prior project. As of right now we have approximately two hundred and four thousand dollars budgeted for paving. The current paving loan balance is three hundred thousand dollars and would be paid off in three years. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl stated we have two hundred ten thousand budgeted and three hundred forty six thousand dollars to pay off the loan. If we pay that off then we can repave everything with a new loan. Village Manager, David Lane stated he will check into that option. Council has requested to have these numbers for the next meeting. The State and Local Government process will take approximately two to three months for approval.

7. Old Business – No Old Business

8. Other Business

- a. **Tax Collection Rate** – 2015 Taxes 92.44%
- b. **Request for Tax Refunds** – Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to approve the tax refunds with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
- c. **Reschedule February Council Meeting** - Mayor, Dennis Laces has requested to move the February Council Meeting to February 9th or February 23rd. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to reschedule February's meeting to the 23rd. Council Member, Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

9. Departmental Reports

- a. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Chief, David Henson will be expecting the new body cameras in about one month. Report included 476-Business Checks, 338 – Resident Checks, and 2,111 – Patrol Miles.
- b. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report** – Director, Bill Daniels provided how much it costs us hauling our own screening/gravel verses paying to have it hauled. Savings is approximately \$2,300.00. Fuel injection problems on the truck used to haul is contributed to low use. Parts are in and the truck will be fixed this week.
- c. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – report provided includes 3- Building Permits, 2-Sign Permits, 1-Material/Color Permit, and 1-Tree Permit.
- d. **Finance Officer's Financial Report** – Report provided show the budget is in good shape.

10. Public Comments – No public comments

11. Mayor/Council Comments – No council comments

12. Adjournment of Regular Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to adjourn with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

SEAL