

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the February 23, 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, Council Member, David Ammann, and Council Member Scott Brown

**Council Members Absent:**

**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 7 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Invocation**- Mayor Dennis Lacey delivered the Invocation.
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Mayor Dennis Lacey requested to add closed session before village manager communications. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
5. **Closed Session (Personnel)** – At 5:02 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to go into closed session with a second from Council Member, David Ammann. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0). At 5:27 p.m., Council Member, David Ammann motioned to come out of closed session with a second from Council Member, Scott Brown. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
6. **Village Manager Communications** – Village Manager, David Lane reported that Finance Officer has been working on paving application. Public Works has been doing a great job keeping the roads clean.
7. **New Business**
  - a. **Toe River Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – This is a resolution that is adopted every couple of years. The Village will need to be a part of this to receive help from FEMA when a disaster hits; such as a hurricane. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to adopt the resolution based on the Village Managers recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **Motion Carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
8. **Old Business**
  - a. **Paving** – Village Manager, David Lane advised he is working with a new Engineer and is asking council exactly what they want to do. The financial information, net debt statement, revenue projection, and current loan payoff has been prepared. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl stated council was clear about what to do during the last meeting. Pay off the loan and pave the roads that need it. After further discussion, council authorized Village Manager, David Lane to move forward with the new engineer company, The Wooten Company, and do full paving of Sugar Mtn. Drive, Cross Park, Briarcliff, and lower portion of Shelter Rock. A public hearing will need to be held on March 15, 2016 to adopt the resolution.

- b. **Aggressive Panhandling added to Nuisance Ordinance** – The Village Attorney has made this part of the Nuisance Ordinance. The ordinance is what Boone has been using to enforce against anyone panhandling inside city limits. A Public Hearing is required. Mayor Dennis Lacey suggested holding the public hearing before the next regular meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to hold the public hearing on March 15, 2016 with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- c. **Set Public Hearing Date to Adopt Resolution for Paving** - Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to hold the public hearing on March 15, 2016 with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

## 9. Other Business

- a. **Tax Collection Rate** – 2015 Taxes 93%

## 10. Departmental Reports

- a. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Report submitted by Chief, David Henson has 363- Business Checks and 197 – Resident Checks.

**Budget Amendment for Body Cameras and radios** – Chief, David Henson gave a brief explanation on the grant. Just last week, the Village of Sugar Mountain Police Department was given a \$14,000 reimbursable grant to purchase body cameras. Unfortunately the total cost for the new body cameras, radios, and server to store the information will cost a little more than \$17,000.000. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the funds in the amount of approximately \$17,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

- b. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report** – Director, Bill Daniels had to leave the meeting, but the report provided a total of 37 inches of snow has fallen since the last meeting. The crew has been very busy keeping up with the roads and cleaning the culverts.
- c. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – report provided includes 5- Sign Permits and 1- Road Cut for emergency water main repair.
- d. **Finance Officer's Financial Report** – Zoning is over due to a construction bond refunded. Everything is in line.

**11. Public Comments** – Jack Anderson - Police Department and Public Works have done a great job. The police have been directing traffic and the roads have been kept in perfect condition.

**12. Mayor/Council Comments** – Council Member, Scott Brown advised that Sam Semple's reappointment to the TDA should be on the next agenda. Also, Reo Griffith has announced his retirement and I wish him a very happy and healthy golden years. Mayor, Dennis Lacey stated he would like to see some action to enforce our ordinance on the messy round slopeside house.

**13. Adjournment of Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to adjourn with a second from Council Member, David Ammann. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

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Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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