

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the August 16, 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:

Chief of Police 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** four (4) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **May 17, 2016 Budget Workshop** - Council Member, Norris Clifton 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).
 - b. **July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting** – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
5. **Village Manager Communications** – Village Manager, David Lane reported that the auditor has completed her in house work and Tammy was a big help. The Village has recruited the help from an accountant, Betsy Watson. Betsy and Tammy are working together to prepare finances for the new employee. Radio and Camera grant reimbursement has been received. Golf and Tennis is doing well and Gilliam Construction has completed the culvert project and is paid in full. Thank You to Gunther Jochl and Mayor, Dennis Lacey for housing equipment for the contractors.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Skyleaf Street Names for 911 Addressing** – Susan Kirkland spoke on behalf of the Skyleaf community. Ms. Kirkland met with Misty Brewer, Avery County 911 Address Coordinator and was informed that roads for the Skyleaf Condos must have road names, so they may be located by emergency personnel. A list of road names was submitted to council. Mayor, Dennis Lacey called for a motion to approve the suggested road names. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the submitted road names with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Paving Project Update** – Contracted started early on phase II of the project and have forty-five days to complete. The project started with Grouse Moor and Shelter Rock Cir. Next will be Cross Park, Briarcliff, and Sugar Mountain Dr. One additional culvert that needs to be replaced has been located and will be fixed by our Public Works Department.

8. Other Business

- a. **Tax Collection Rate** – 2015 Taxes 98.89%; 2016 Tax Bills are almost complete and will be mailed out within the next week.

9. Departmental Reports

- a. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with 381- Resident Checks, 562- Business Checks, and 1,685 Patrol Miles.
- b. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report** – Public Works Director, Bill Daniels submitted his report reflecting on the paving project and the amount of rain that has fallen. Several trees have been removed along the road and commending his full time employees for keeping up with daily duties while training and monitoring new seasonal workers.
- c. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – Report provided includes the following permits: 1-Paint, 5-Tree, 7-Sign, and 1-Road Cut to fit new man hole covers.
- d. **Finance Officer's Financial Report** – Report provided. July Golf and Tennis comparison reports a slight increase in Golf and a small decrease for Tennis.

10. Closed Session for Personnel and Possible Litigation – at 5:15pm Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to go into closed session with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0). Council returned at 5:46pm and Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to come out of closed session with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

11. Public Comments – Sterling Hutcheson of Green Cove Rd thanked Bill Daniels for cutting down a big dead tree. Dedy Traver of Highland Cir. reported the Banner Elk Fire Dept. will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sat. Aug. 27th from 4-7pm at the Sugar Mtn. Location and asked when the trail connected to the bridge will be completed. Mayor, Dennis Lacey advised we are still working on the Land Use Agreement. Susan Kirckland thanked Bill Daniels for the pretty flowers at the Grouse Moor entrance. Also, requested if the Village could plant screenings to block electrical junction boxes and other unsightly blocks.

12. Mayor/Council Comments – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl expressed his concern about the speed limit and requested the police monitor for speeders.

13. Adjournment of Regular Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl 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 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

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