

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey called the September 19, 2017 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, Scott Brown and Council Member, David Ammann.

**Council Members Absent:**

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

Police Chief David Henson, Village Attorney Stacey “Four” Eggers, Village Manager Susan Phillips, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd, who recorded official meeting.

Approximately 2 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Police Chief, David Henson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Invocation**- Mayor, Dennis Lacey delivered the Invocation.
4. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to approve the agenda. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
5. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **August 15, 2017 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).

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

- a. **Review Proposed Drone Ordinance and Consider Setting a Public Hearing.**

The Village Attorney provided background information on the proposed ordinance. Council was in agreement to add a penalty section for a two hundred and fifty dollar fine to include a misdemeanor. The requested changes will be made to the proposed ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to set a public hearing for the ordinance on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:00p.m. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

- b. Review Chapter 1. Section XII. Board of Adjustment Amendment and Consider Setting a Public Hearing.** The Village Attorney provided a short introduction for the proposed amendment. The North Carolina General Assembly reduced the required process from five items to four. The County Commissioners are required to appoint all Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) members that are recommended by the Village Council. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to set a public hearing for the proposed ordinance on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- c. 2017 Real Property Tax Overpayment Refund Request.** Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the refund request. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- d. Budget Amendment #3 Golf Fund for Year Ending June 30, 2017.** Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the budget amendment. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- e. Approval of Sale of Surplus Sold on govdeals.com (two items).** Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the sale of a Trailblazer for \$2,450 and the Bobcat for \$7,561. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- f. Consider Approval of Republic Services Contract.** A copy of the revised agreement to be resubmitted to Republic Services has been provided to council for review. The Village Attorney recommended that Council adopt a Franchise Ordinance. Council agreed and Council Member, Scott Brown made a motion to set a public hearing for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

## **8. Departmental Reports**

- a. Village Manager's Report**  
Report provided included updates on Hurricane Irma, High Country Municipal Assoc. Meeting for October, Tourism Development Authority Meeting, and the High Country Council of Governments Annual Banquet.
- b. Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with – 519 Resident Checks, 664- Business Checks, and 3,085 Patrol Miles.
- c. Public Works Director's Monthly Report**  
Report provided included the Public Works clean-up efforts from Hurricane Irma.

**d. Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log**

Report provided has 2- Sign Permits, 3-Building Permits, 0-Land Clearing Permit, 0-Building Material Permit and 3-Tree Permits.

**e. Tax Collection Report**

As of Friday, September 15th, 2017 the 2017 collection percentage is 25.09% and 2016 is 99.20%.

**f. Finance Officer's Financial Report**

Report for F.Y. 2017-18 ending August 31, 2017 was provided along with Golf and Tennis comparison.

**9. Public Comments**

Dereka Plyler, Owner of Dereka's Sugar Mtn. Accommodations and Resident requested details on the Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) Ordinance. The Village Attorney responded to her concerns.

**10. Mayor/Council Comments**

No Comments

**11. Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Council Member, Norris Clifton. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**