

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Dennis Lacey called the September 20, 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, Police Chief David Henson, Police Officer Casey Turbyfill, Tax Collector and TDA Coordinator Sherri Herland, 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** – Village Manager, David Lane requested to add Police Officer Request to the agenda. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the agenda with the one 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. **August 16, 2016 Regular Meeting** – 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).
5. **Village Manager Communications** – Village Manager, David Lane reported that in the next week we will be running ads for reducing fees to \$25.00 anytime any day for the golf course. Ken Worthington passed away. Next month we will be meeting with insurance brokers on premiums.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **Paving Project Update – Slade Harven “The Wooten Co.”**

Slade Harven stated the project has been going well and hoping everything will be completed this coming Friday. It looks like the project will come in under budget. Village Manager, David Lane reported that the patching on Grouse Moor is not the most attractive but was necessary. Mr. Harven stated that during the evaluation of Grouse Moor it was decided to focus more on certain defects and distresses to extend the life and allow additional time before having to do a full resurfacing. The patches seen were distresses of the sub grade underneath the pavement due to water and other factors that contributed to the deterioration. The patches have a completely sealed to prevent water seeping. This repair should extend the surface of the road another five years.
7. **New Business**
  - a. **October Council Meeting Date** – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to reschedule the October Council Meeting to Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **Motion Carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
  - b. **Set Public Hearing for Property Exchange** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey suggested the public hearing be set prior to the council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016. All Council Members agreed.

- c. **2016 Banner Elk Vol Fire Dept Agreement** - The agreement is automatically extended on a yearly basis unless terminated by either party by 90 days written notice prior to annual termination date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to renew the agreement. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- d. **2016 ABC Travel Policy** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the travel policy as submitted. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- e. **2016-2017 Budget Amendment** – Funds approved for the paving project that were not allocated in the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve the budget amendment. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- f. **License Agreement for Trails** – License agreement allowing the Village of Sugar Mountain to construct a walking trail on Sugar Mountain Resort Property. The agreement has been approved and signed by the Resort. Council Member, David Ammann motioned to approve the agreement. Council Member Scott Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl obtained from voting (Licensor in the agreement). All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
- g. **TDA Member Appointment** – Council has recommended Melanie Jochl to complete Wendy Snider’s term through January 2018. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to appoint Melanie Jochl. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- h. **Police Dept Request for Fellow Officer** – Chief, David Henson requested the council approve a donation of compensatory time to a fellow Police Officer that has been injured and out of work. After discussion, Council Member, Norris Clifton motion to approve Chief, David Henson to donate his compensatory time. Council Member, Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

## 8. Other Business

- a. **Tax Collection Rate** – 2015 Taxes 98.95% 2016 Tax Levy is \$1,260,390.09
- b. **2016 Manual Tax Bill Request** – Council Member, David Ammann motioned to approve the request submitted. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- c. **2016 Tax Release Request** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the release submitted. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
- d. **High Country Municipal Assoc.** – The High County Municipal Assoc. will meet on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Seven Devils.

## 9. Departmental Reports

- a. **Police Chief’s Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with 320- Resident Checks, 594- Business Checks, and 2,040 Patrol Miles.

- b. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report** – Public Works Director, Bill Daniels submitted his report reflecting on the paving project and the great weather for golf. The Golf Course will host the Wings Air Rescue first annual golf tournament to raise monies for the Corey Pittman scholarship fund. The NC Agricultural extension office in Newland is conducting a survey of the trees and looking into possible cultural and chemical practices to slow the progression of the disease and insects that are damaging our Beech trees. Bill Daniels will remain in contact with them on any possible solution that may arise in the future.
- c. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log** – Report provided includes the following permits: 3-Paint, 6-Tree, 2-Sign, and 3-Building Permits.
- d. **Finance Officer's Financial Report** – Report provided. Village Manager, David Lane reported that Tammy Floyd filed 2015-2016 motor fuel tax refunds and received approximately \$5,000 that was not budgeted for.

**10. Public Comments** – Sam Simple of Shelter Rock Cir. and a TDA Borad Member requested clarification on the TDA appointment. Mayor Dennis Lacey replied; that Windy Snider resigned. Sam Simple and Dereka Plylar, also a TDA member advised council that Windy stated that she did not want to resign and supplied council with a copy of the Resolution Enacting the TDA. TDA Coordinator, Sherri Herland advised council that Wendy has a low attendance record. After discussion, Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to remove Windy Snider from her term due to attendance. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. The **motion carried** with a vote of three (3) to one (1).

**Gerald Teauge** – Sunrise View Homeowners Assoc. reported a dead tree. Public Works Director, Bill Daniels advised he is aware of the tree and it is on the list of trees to be removed.

**11. Mayor/Council Comments** – No Comments

**12. 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 5:26 p.m.**

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Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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