

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey called the November 15, 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:**

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

Approximately 9 members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Resident, Susan Kirkland 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. **October 17, 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. **New Business**
  - a. **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Audit** - Misty Watson, CPA, PA provided copies of the FY 2016-17 Audit and presented the following highlights:
    - Assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities.
    - Property tax collection rate is 98.69%.
    - Unassigned fund balance for the General Fund is 85% of General Fund expenditures.
    - The General Fund incurred new debt for road improvement projects.
  - b. **Consider TDA Board Appointment** – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to appoint Keely Sisco, a resident and business owner of Sugar Mountain to the TDA Board. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
7. **Old Business**
8. **Departmental Reports**
  - a. **Village Manager’s Report** – Report was provided. Village Manager, Susan Phillips reported the new trash compactor is fully operational. The Village Attorney assisted with the Board of Adjustment Organizational Meeting and advised members of their roles and responsibilities. A variance application has been received and a hearing has been scheduled for January 24, 2017. Installation of four new decorative street lights is complete. Clerk, Tammy Floyd had completed her final week of the NC Municipal Clerks Certification program.

- b. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with – 378 Resident Checks, 500- Business Checks, and 2,329 Patrol Miles.
  - c. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report**  
Report provided included the Public Works clean-up efforts after 15.67 inches of rain received during the month of October. Screening and plows are ready for the winter. The village is currently picking up trash at 29 residents and 32 trash houses on Monday and Thursday of each week. Everyone must be aware that trash placed into containers must be bagged. Any construction waste, furniture, wood, or metal items must be taken to the Banner Elk material recovery site on Highway 194.
  - d. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log**  
Report provided has 1- Sign Permits, 1-Building Permits, 0-Land Clearing Permit, 0-Building Material Permit and 7-Tree Permits.
  - e. **Tax Collection Report**  
As of Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 the 2017 collection percentage is 51.18%.
  - f. **Finance Officer's Financial Report**  
Report for F.Y. 2017-18 financials as of October 31, 2017 was provided along with Golf and Tennis comparison. Golf revenues were up by 3.6% from last year.
9. **Public Comments** – Susan Kirkland of Skyleaf commented on the new street lights. Jack Anderson of Sugar Mtn. Dr. commented on the Linville material recovery site.
10. **Mayor/Council Comments**  
Council Member, Scott Brown commented on Golf and Tennis ending revenues.
11. **Adjournment**  
Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.**