

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey called the February 14, 2018 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:

Attorney Four Eggers, Police Chief David Henson, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, 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. **January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting** – Council Member, David Ammann 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. **Consider 2017-18 Budget Amendment #3** – Village Manager, Susan Phillips advised the budget amendment will cover additional funds needed for residential trash pick-up. Residential pick up services continued until November 1st. Council Member, David Ammann motioned to approve the budget amendment. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
7. **Old Business** – No old business

8. Departmental Reports

- a. **Village Manager's Report** – Report included information on a meeting with Carolina Water to discuss overall maintenance as well as screening measures needed to the treatment plant that border the golf course. The Village is looking into improving the appearance of the convenience center. An Informational postcard was sent out by the TDA Board to property owners about the Occupancy Tax. The Village has received a proposal from Verizon to upgrade the telephone system.
- b. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with – 2452 Resident Checks, 370- Business Checks, and 2,059 Patrol Miles. The Police Department currently has a job opening.
- c. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report**
Report provided included the Public Works continued snow removal efforts. Several trees will be removed from the Golf Course to allow much needed sunlight to the turf areas.
- d. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log**
Report provided has 3- Sign Permits, 1-Building Permits, 0-Land Clearing Permit, 0-Building Material Permit and 0-Tree Permits reported since the last meeting.
- e. **Tax Collection Report**
As of Friday, February 9, 2018 the 2017 collection rate is 95.78%.
- f. **Finance Officer's Financial Report**
Report for F.Y. 2017-18 financials as of January 31, 2018 was provided.

9. **Public Comments** – No public comments

10. **Mayor/Council Comments** – Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl thanked the public works department for doing a great job clearing the roads. Council Member, Scott Brown stated he would like to receive grant money for opioid treatment and prevention.

11. **Closed Session – Personnel G.S.143-318.11(a)(6)** – Council Member, Norris Clifton 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 entered into closed session at 5:09 p.m. Council returned to open meeting at 5:13 p.m. Mayor, Dennis Lacey suggested a 3% salary increase to Village Manager, Susan Phillips. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl motioned to approve a 3% salary increase with a second from Council Member, David Ammann. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

12. **Adjournment**

Council Member, Norris Clifton motioned to adjourn the meeting 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 5:14 p.m.