

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey called the March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present as follows:

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Dennis Lacey, Council Member Norris Clifton, Council Member, Scott Brown and Council Member, David Ammann.

**Council Members Absent:**

Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

Joshua S. Coffey filling in for 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 1 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, Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
5. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting** – Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Consider Mountain Community Bank Proposal and Resolution designating Mountain Community Bank as the Village's Official Depository.**

After discussion, Council Member Scott Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution designating Mountain Community Bank as the Village's Official Depository. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**b. Consider Budget Amendment #4 for the purchase of POS, Tee Sheet Software, and Hardware for the Golf and Tennis Shops.**

Council Member, Scott Brown made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #4. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**c. Consider Proposed Local Bill and Resolution Requesting the NC General Assembly Amend the Village's Room Occupancy Tax Legislation.**

The amendment, if approved will give the Village authority to require all short term rental properties to register with the Village semi-annually. Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to adopt the resolution. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**d. Consider Approval of Sale of Surplus on Govdeals.com.**

A bid of \$2,750 has been received for the 2007 Ford Explorer. Council Member, Norris Clifton made a motion to approve the sale. Council Member, David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**e. Consider Changing the April 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting to Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

Council Member, Norris Clifton made a motion to reschedule the meeting. Council Member, Scot Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**f. Order Tax Collector to Advertise Tax Liens on Real Property for 2017.**

Thirty day notice was mailed out today, March 20, 2018. Council Member, David Ammann made a motion to order the Tax Collector to advertise. Council Member, Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0). Advertisement will be in the Wednesday, April 25, 2018 edition of the Avery Post.

**7. Old Business – No old business**

**8. Departmental Reports**

- a. Village Manager's Report** – Report included information from the March TDA Meeting. The Tourism Development Authority approved funds to increase the Golf and Tennis Pro Shop Deck and support the Sugar Mountain Ski Resort end of season events. The Planning Board continues to work on a revision of the Village's architectural guidelines and accessory buildings. Stanley Norwood was appointed to the Board of Adjustments by the Avery County Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2018. As of today, no applications have been received for the vacant police officer position.

- b. **Police Chief's Monthly Report** – Police Chief, David Henson submitted his report with – 516 Resident Checks, 472- Business Checks, and 3,219 Patrol Miles. The Police Department currently has a job opening.
- c. **Public Works Director's Monthly Report**  
Report provided included the Public Works efforts to maintaining the streets and removing down trees during the strong Nor'easter that blew in. Two public works employees, Rick Norwood and David Cook are responsible for remodeling the hallway in the Village Hall. It is a wonderful thing to have talented employees on staff that can do any project that is asked of them.
- d. **Asst. Zoning Administrator's Monthly Permit Log**  
Report provided has 2- Sign Permits, 1-Building Permit, 0-Land Clearing Permit, 0-Building Material Permit and 2-Tree Permits reported since the last meeting.
- e. **Tax Collection Report**  
As of Friday, March 16, 2018 the 2017 collection rate is 97.53%.
- f. **Finance Officer's Financial Report**  
Report for F.Y. 2017-18 financials as of February 28, 2018 was provided.

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

10. **Mayor/Council Comments** – No council comments

11. **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** three (3) votes to zero (0).

**Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.**