1. **Call to Order of Regular Meeting** – Mayor Gunther Jochl called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present as follows:

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Gunther Jochl, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown, Council Member Dick Casey, and Council Member Wade Wittman.

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member David Ammann.

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

 Attorney Stacy Eggers IV., Village Manager Susan Phillips, Chief Casey Turbyfill, Patrol Officer Michael Linkous, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded the official meeting.

Approximately five members of the public attended.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chief Casey Turbyfill leads the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Moment of Silence** – Mayor Gunther Jochl announced a moment of silence.
3. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Council Member Wade Wittman motioned to adopt the agenda Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
4. **Approval of Minutes**
5. **June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Wade Wittman moved to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

1. **Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege NC G.S. 1473-318.11(a)(3)**

At 4:02 p.m. Council Member Dick Casey moved to go into closed session for attorney client privilege with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0). Council Made a motion in close session to re-enter into open session and returned at 4:15 p.m.

1. **Old Business**
2. **Continue Review and Consider adoption of Proposed Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance.**

Village Attorney Stacy Eggers IV. advised that the only change made to the ordinance since the last meeting was increasing the leash length to six feet. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown requested addition of owner’s phone number to the dog tag in subsection 91.04 (a). After discussion, Dick Casey made the motion to adopt the amended ordinance presented today with the addition of the phone number. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion, and the **motion carried** two (2) votes to (1).

1. **New Business**
2. **Charge Tax Collector and Declare First Lien Upon All Real Property for 2024.**

Council Member Wade Wittman moved to charge the tax collector and declare liens. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

1. **Departmental Reports**
2. **Village Manager’s Report – Susan Phillips**
* NBC Golf Pass ranked Sugar Mountain Golf Course the #6 executive course.
* Celebrating 50 years of Sugar Mountain Golf with Golf Retro Days July 25th and August 22nd.
* Golf has seen an increase of 16.9% in revenue in comparison to the same period of 2023.
* Tennis has increased in revenue for May and June 2024.
* The TDA has approved a proposal to produce a fall and winter video and is considering proposals for beautification of the bridge on Sugar Mountain Dr.
* Paving maintenance for FY 2024-25 will begin in the upcoming weeks. A culvert on Grouse Moor Drive will be replaced.
1. **Police Chief’s Monthly Report – Chief Casey Turbyfill**
* The July 4th holiday was a great success for the Village and our public safety efforts.
* Our officers have been busy patrolling the Village streets, conduction business walk through, and foot patrols.
* Officer Michael Linkous is now certified and can perform the duties as a Police Officer.
* Officer Buchanan completed in-service firearms training.
* Officer Hicks has completed her probationary period and will soon be awarded her General Law Enforcement Certification.
* Patrol Miles: 4,134 Business Checks: 416 Foot Patrol: 80 Residence Checks: 312
1. **Public Works Director’s Monthly Report – Bill Daniels**
* The paving crew will return to complete upper Shelter Rock Cir. from Grouse Moor to Skyleaf and Elk Horn Rd.
* Patching will be done on Highland Cir., Glenwood, Rough Ridge and Craggy Point.
* New yellow and white lines will be re-applied.
* The Public Works dept. has received a new pickup truck.
1. **Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd**

No Report Provided

1. **Tax Collection Report**

FY 2023 Tax Collection Rate 99.75%

FY 2024 Tax Bills mailed July 11, 2024 Charges $1,422,764.74. Values for utilities will be added once received from the NCDOR.

1. **Finance Officer’s Financial Report – Susan Phillips**

Financial Reports through June 30, 2024 provided.

1. **Public Comments**

Susan Auffinger asked how renters and owners will be notified of the new leash requirement.

Dedy Traver expressed her appreciation for the amendment to the Animal Ordinance.

Steve Auffinger asked about the invasive vine growing on Grouse Moor Dr.

1. **Mayor/Council Comments**

Council Member Dick Casey commended Bill Daniles, Police, and Crew on performance.

Mayor Gunther Jochl commented on the Fourth of July Fireworks and expressed appreciation to Village Staff.

1. **Adjournment**

Council Member Dick Casey moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

 Mayor, Gunther Jochl

ATTEST:

 Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk SEAL