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My apologies for not having this report to you in a timely manner. Last week on Thursday and Friday we were very busy with inspections on the mountain with FEMA representatives and also meeting with a golf course renovation and construction company on needed repairs for the golf course. It did not leave much time for the office and I did not get the report inserted with the rest of your packets. To follow up on the inspections, FEMA just go to each location within the Village to assure that the areas in need of repair are indeed the same areas that we have submitted for approval. This is a very time consuming process and if you see myself along with 6-8 other individuals on the roadways in the coming weeks, this is what will be underway. While it is not a very fun or productive procedure in my eyes, it is necessary for us to receive the funding to get the Village back to the appearance we are accustomed to. Also as a reminder to our citizens, the roadside pickup of debris from the storm will be ending February 23rd. This is for storm related debris from damage to your home from Helene. While we will continue to pick up brush, any non-vegetative material placed alongside any street will be considered littering from that point forward. Another point for everyone to consider, the right-of-way brush pickup contract with Avery County is ending at the end of the month. Unless an extension is granted, debris that remains to be picked up will then become the responsibility of the Village.

We are scheduled to have FEMA inspect the golf course next week. After this point, we can begin the process of sending out bids for the repairs to begin. This is going to be an extensive process, one that we hope can be accomplished with some portion of our course open. I still plan to have 9 holes open by mid April as usual to begin our recovery of revenue. While we are not looking forward to the immense amount of work to be done, the day that we have all 18 holes open with the course back in stellar condition is what will drive our efforts to accomplish this feat. We appreciate and thank you for all of your support for our crew over the next few months.

Respectfully submitted,

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Village Maintenance Director