

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
4:00 P.M.**

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 David Ammann, Council Member Wade Wittman, and Council Member Dick Casey.

**Council Members Absent:**

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

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

Approximately three members of the public attended.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chief Casey Turbyfill leads the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** – Mayor Gunther Jochl announced a moment of silence.
4. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Council Member Dick Casey made a motion to adopt 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. **February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Dick Casey moved to approve the minutes with one correction to whom called the meeting to order. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

6. **Public Hearings**

- a. **Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Regulate the Location, Size, and Design of Wireless Communications Facilities.**

Mayor Gunther Jochl opened the public hearing. Attorney Stacy Eggers IV. introduced the ordinance and explained why it would benefit the Village. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Gunther Jochl closed the hearing.

- b. **Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Disallow Small-Scale and Utility Use of Solar Panels Within the Retail and Service Districts.**

Mayor Gunther Jochl opened the public hearing. Attorney Stacy Eggers IV. provided a summary of the amendment and stated the Planning Board recommended the amendment to the Council. Resident Dedy Traver made the comment that she was in favor of the amendment. Resident Steve Auffinger stated he was in favor. Hearing no more comments, Mayor Gunther Jochl closed the public hearing.

**c. Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Require All Necessary Water, Sewer, or Septic Permits be Obtained Before Issuing a Zoning Permit.**

Mayor Gunther Jochl opened the public hearing. Attorney Stacy Eggers IV. advised that this is a citizens' protection ordinance. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Gunther Jochl closed the public hearing.

**7. Old Business**

**8. New Business**

**a. Review and Consider Adoption of a Telecommunication Tower Ordinance.**

Council Member David Ammann motioned to adopt the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**b. Review and Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amendment to Disallow Small-Scale and Utility Use of Solar Panels Within the Retail and Service Districts.**

Council Member Dick Casey motioned to adopt the ordinance amendment. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**c. Review and Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amendment to Require All Necessary Water, Sewer, or Septic Permits be Obtained Before Issuing a Zoning Permit.**

Council Member David Ammann motioned to adopt the ordinance amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**d. Consider Approval of a Cashflow Loan Agreement with the State of North Carolina.**

Village Manager Susan Phillips reported this loan program has no interest or fees and will assist in balancing our cash flow needs through the periods of paying contractors and then waiting on receiving reimbursements from FEMA. Council Member Dick Casey made the motion to adopt the loan agreement. A second received from Council Member Wade Wittman. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**e. Consider Approval of Tax Year 2024 Discovery Bill.**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown made the motion to approve the discovery bill. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**f. Consider Approval of the Re-Appointment of Keely Sisco to the TDA Board.**

Council Member Dick Casey moved to re-appoint Keely Sisco with a second from Council Member Wade Wittman. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**9. Departmental Reports**

**a. Village Manager's Report – Susan Phillips**

The report provided an update on Hurricane Helene damage assessments and debris removal, Update on damaged streetlights on Grouse Moor Drive and Sugar Mountain Drive, and a date of April 12-26, 2025 for the annual spring litter clean-up.

**b. Police Chief's Monthly Report – Chief Casey Turbyfill**

Police Chief Turbyfill reports the department is operating smoothly and has no major issues to report. A summary of calls is included in the report, along with the monthly activity log.

**c. Public Works Director's Monthly Report – Bill Daniels**

Bill Daniels reports an uptick in recovery efforts and a goal to have at least nine holes of the golf course open for play by May 1.

**d. Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd**

Zoning Permits for Building: 3, Real Estate Sign: 1, Roofing Material for Multi-Family: 1, Tree Removal/Pruning Permit: 1.

**e. Tax Collection Report**

FY 2024 Tax Collection Rate as of Friday, March 7, 2025 97.26%

FY 2023 Tax Collection Rate 99.91%

**f. Finance Officer's Financial Report – Susan Phillips**

Financial Reports provided through February 28, 2025.

**10. Public Comments**

**11. Mayor/Council Comments**

Mayor Gunther Jochl reported the amount of snowfall for the season and how beautiful the Village will be once recovery efforts are completed.

**12. Adjournment**

Council Member David Ammann moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

The meeting was adjourned at 4.26 p.m.

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Mayor, Gunther Jochl

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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