

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 15, 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, and Council Member Wade Wittman.

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Dick Casey

Village Hall Staff Present:

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

Approximately five members of the public attended.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chief Casey Turbyfill leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** – Mayor Gunther Jochl announces a moment of silence.
4. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Mayor Gunther Jochl requested to amend the agenda by tabling item b. under new business. Council Member David Ammann moved to adopt the agenda with the requested amendment. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **April 08, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes & March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Wade Wittman moved to approve the minutes as written. Council Member David Ammann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Schedule FY 2025-26 Budget Meeting for Tuesday, May 20th at 3 pm.**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown motioned to schedule the budget workshop with a second from Council Member Wade Wittman. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
 - b. **Item tabled – Billboard Petition**
 - c. **Consider the Adoption of NCDOT Resolution Requesting Improvements to Highway 184.**

Council Member David Ammann motioned to adopt the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

d. Consider the Adoption of a Proclamation Celebrating the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 4-10, 2025.

Council Member Wade Wittmann motioned to adopt the proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

e. Order Tax Collector to Advertise Tax Liens on 2025 Unpaid Real Property Taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown made the motion to advertise tax liens. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

8. Departmental Reports

a. Village Manager's Report – Susan Phillips

The report submitted includes an update on Hurricane Helen damage assessments and inspections, a list of completed repairs, and clean-up and mitigation efforts. Repairs to the golf course will begin in the next couple of weeks, and we plan to open the course for play with nine holes on Saturday, May 16th. The Board of Adjustments will meet on Tuesday, May 27th, to consider an application to amend the special use permit previously granted to Morlin Hospitality.

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

The Chief of Police reports that officers continue to patrol the Village and improve our community-oriented policy activities. Activity log included for March 7, 2025 - April 8, 2025.

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

Public Works reports on the continuing efforts of debris removal and right-of-way tree removal. Public works staff have been working 12-14-hour days, keeping traffic moving around the machines and crews. Director Bill Daniels shared a letter of appreciation for the hospitality received while working on Sugar Mountain in his report.

d. Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd

Zoning Permits for Building: 7, Tree Removal: 4, Sign Permits: 5, Building Material & Paint Color: 2

e. Tax Collection Report

FY 2024 Tax Collection Rate as of Friday, April 11, 2025 99.03%
FY 2023 100.00%

f. Finance Officer's Financial Report – Susan Phillips

Financial Reports through March 31, 2025 provided.

9. Public Comments

Riley Oats with the Small Business Administration provided information on disaster and recovery assistance. An office is set up at Mayland Community College in Newland.

Dedy Traver was thankful to Bill Daniels, Casey, and FEMA for the work being done.

10. Mayor/Council Comments

Council Member Wade Wittman expressed gratitude to Bill Daniels.
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown agreed with Wade Wittman and is thankful the old white house is gone from across New River Hardware.
Mayor Gunther Jochl bragged about the good job done by all staff.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown 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 4.22 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem, Scott Brown

ATTEST:_____
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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