

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 15, 2025
4:00 P.M.**

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown, Council Member David Ammann, Council Member Wade Wittman, and Council Member Dick Casey.

Council Members Absent:

Mayor, Gunther Jochl

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 Pro Temp Scott Brown announces a moment of silence.
4. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Council Member Dick Casey moved 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**

June 17, 2025 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** four (4) votes to zero (0).

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

- a. **Consider Adoption of the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S.**

160A-31. Attorney Stacy Eggers IV. advised this resolution only directs the clerk to certify all paperwork is in order and complies with the General Statue for voluntary annexation. The petition was received from the owner of the Three Lots located at TBD Hodges Lane. After discussion, Council Member David Ammann made the motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Council Member Dick Casey. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

- b. **Charge Tax Collector with 2025 and Declare a Lien Upon Real Property.**

Council Member Dick Casey made a motion to charge the tax collector and declare liens. Council Member Wade Wittmann seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

8. Departmental Reports

a. Village Manager's Report – Susan Phillips

The major construction phase for the golf course was started in June with twelve holes open for play. Tennis has seen a decline in revenues this year to date. The May Occupancy Tax showed an increase of 18% in comparison to May 2024. The summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events will continue every Wednesday this summer through Labor Day. The Avery County Commissioners have voted to delay the County revaluation until 2027, due to the damage caused by Helene.

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

The July 4th Independence Day holiday was a great success for the Village and our public safety efforts. Our officers have been busy over the past month, patrolling the Village streets, conducting business walk-throughs, and conducting foot patrols. Warnings and state citations have been issued for speeding violations.

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

Line striping has been completed on the roads. I anticipate having the paving finished before fall sets in. We have nearly finished the ditch cleaning project. This has been a very extensive and time-consuming task involving completely grading and cleaning out the surface and banks of the ditches using an excavator and skid steer. Dail Golf, our contractor on site performing the repairs, began pouring the concrete liners into the bunkers this week and will focus on preparing the remaining sand traps.

d. Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd

1-Drone Permit, 5-Sign Permits, and 3-Tree Removal/Pruning Permits

e. Tax Collection Report

Tax Year 2025 Tax Collection Rate as of Friday, July 11, 2025 1.95%

Tax Year 2024 99.60%

**2025 tax bills were posted on July 1, 2025 and mailed July 2, 2025. Tax settlement report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is included.

f. Finance Officer's Financial Report – Susan Phillips

Financial reports provided through June 30, 2025. Expenses and revenues are still pending for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

9. Public Comments

No comments

10. Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown commented on the late arrival of owners and how superb the Village looks due to the effort put in by the Village Departments.

11. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Scott Brown, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:_____
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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