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Manager's Weekly Update **October 21, 2025**

Golf Course: Construction continues on the rebuilding of the golf course and will continue into the Spring, with stream restoration taking place over the winter months. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be advertised for bids in the upcoming weeks on the stream restoration and culvert and bridge replacement part of the golf course repairs. Dail Golf will continue to work on the course through early November.

Overall, the season has been busy, and we are pleased with the amount of activity we have seen with the limited numbers of holes we were able to have playable most of the season. Overall, there has been a decrease of \$243,597 or 37.65% in revenues for the period April – October 15th in comparison to the same period in 2024. The 2024 season was closed on September 24th due to three days of heavy rainfall and the arrival of Helene on the 27th. We will close for the season following play on Sunday, October 26th.

Tennis: Tennis has begun to slow down considerably, with closing for the season as Golf, on Sunday, October 26th. Overall, there has been a decrease of \$5,116 or 10.87% in revenues for the period May – October 15, 2025, in comparison to the same period in 2024.

Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board Meeting: The P&Z Board met on Wednesday, September 24th. The Board reviewed a resolution to require a building permit before land disturbing activities may commence in order to protect the Village's property owners by maintaining the Village's image and character as a tourist destination and the high quality of life for residents. The Board recommended forwarding the resolution to the Council for their consideration of calling a Public Hearing and adoption at the November Council meeting.

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Meeting: The TDA Board met on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The Board approved funding (\$10,900) for Sugar Mountain Resort ads in the December and January issues of Our State magazine. The Board also approved the annual Golf and Tennis Landscaping agreement with Phil Sisco in the amount of \$29,740. Following discussion, the Board approved a 12-month contract with Bramble Media & Marketing in the

amount of \$49,800. Dalton Kilby of Bramble Marketing submitted the attached September 2025 marketing update.

The August 2025 collections of the occupancy tax showed a decrease of \$10,511 or 19% in comparison to August 2024. The occupancy tax collections for the period September 2024 through August 2025 (\$720,799) have shown a \$125,297 or 14.81% decrease in comparison to the same period of 2024 (\$846,096).

The FY 2024-25 TDA audit has been approved by the LGC. Misty Watson attended the October 8th TDA meeting to present the audit to the TDA Board. Highlights of the audit; an unmodified opinion, strong investment earnings and a general fund decrease of \$107,648. Overall revenues decreased by \$137,4643 and an expenditure decrease of \$146,628 for the 2025 fiscal year in comparison to 2024 fiscal year. The General Fund reported an ending available fund balance of \$774,596 or 88% of total expenditures.

Street Repairs and Paving: Tri-County Paving has been in the Village performing the prep work needed for repairs and paving on streets that have damage due to Helene. These streets include Grouse Moor Drive, Mossy Creek Road, Park Lane, Rock Spring Circle, Slope View Road, and Rough Ridge Road. The total for these projects will be \$139,999 and will be reimbursed by FEMA and the State.

FEMA Update:

Projects (Expenditures) Submitted for reimbursement:

• Village Hall HVAC unit replacement	\$ 12,240.
• Golf Course Pond Debris Cleanout	\$ 105,739.
• Village Staff labor/Equipment – Debris Removal	\$ 253,135.
• Tennis Courts	\$ 166,387.
• Pedestrian Bridge/Walking Path	\$ 106,698.
• Road Repairs Group 1	\$ 100,874.
• Road Repairs Group 2	\$ 444,169.
• Emergency Protective Measures – Labor/Equipment	\$ 46,897.
• Temporary/Emergency Road Repairs Group 1	\$ 271,999.
• Temporary/Emergency Road Repairs Group 2	<u>\$ 435,547.</u>
Total submissions to date:	\$1,943,685.

Reimbursements received to date:

• Village Hall HVAC unit replacement	\$ 12,240.
• Golf Course Pond Debris Cleanout	\$ 105,739.
• Tennis Courts	\$ 166,387.
• Pedestrian Bridge/Walking Path	\$ 106,698.
• Road Repairs Group 1	\$ 100,874.
• Village Staff labor/Equipment – Debris Removal	\$ 253,135.
• Road Repairs Group 2	<u>\$ 444,169.</u>
	\$1,189,242.

With the Federal Government shut down, we anticipate the remaining projects that have been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement of \$754,443 will be delayed in reviewing and processing.

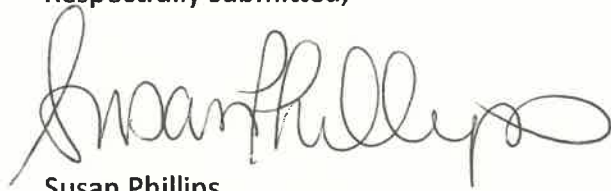
North Carolina SMART Program: If your property suffered damage from Hurricane Helene, the NC SMART PPDR (Private Property Debris Removal) program can help, for FREE, by removing hazardous debris or even demolishing unsafe structures on your property. The deadline to apply is November 7, 2025. See the attached flyer for more information.

Property Tax Collections: Of the \$1,452,638 total 2025 levy, \$541,954 or 37.31% has been collected with a balance of \$910,684 uncollected through October 15, 2025. A balance of \$5,730 remains uncollected for the 2016-2024 tax years.

Administrative Matters: Officer Madison Hicks has resigned her position with the Police Department effective September 30th. Madison is pursuing other employment outside of the law enforcement profession. Chief Turbyfill has adjusted the schedule of officers in October and November, with Casey working the night shift in October and Officer Brown in November.

Advertisements for the Police Officer position vacancy, following the resignation of Madison Hicks, continue to run in the local newspapers as well as with the NC League of Municipalities job postings publication. To date, the Village has received no applications for the position.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Phillips", written in dark ink.

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