

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 21, 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 Dick Casey.

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Wade Wittman

Village Hall Staff Present:

Attorney Stacy Eggers IV, Village Manager Susan Phillips, Patrol Officer Michael Linkous and Village Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded the official meeting.

Approximately five members of the public attended.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Patrol Officer Michael Linkous leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence** – Mayor Gunther Jochl 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** three (3) votes to zero (0).
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**

- a. **Review and Consider Setting a Public Hearing for Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Building Permit Before Land Disturbing Activities Commence.**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to schedule the public hearing during the next regular meeting on November 18, 2025 at four o'clock pm. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

- b. **Consider Adoption of Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to Appropriate Funds for Helene Expenditures.**

Council Member David Ammann moved to adopt the amendment with a second received from Council Member Dick Casey. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

c. Consider Re-Appointment of Edith “Dedy” Traver to the Board of Adjustment.

Council Member David Ammann made the motion to re-appoint Dedy Traver. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown 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

Construction continues the rebuilding of the golf course and will continue into the Spring, with stream restoration taking place over the winter months. Overall, there has been a decrease of 37.65% in revenues for the period April – October 15th in comparison to the same period in 2024. We will close the season following play on Sunday, October 26th. Tennis has seen a decrease of 10.87% in revenues for the period May-October 15, 2025, in comparison to the same period in 2024. The Tourism and Development Authority approved the annual Golf and Tennis Landscaping agreement with Phil Sisco and a 12-month contract with Bramble Media & Marketing. The August 2025 collection of the occupancy tax showed a decrease of 19% in comparison to August 2024. 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 Rd, Park Lane, Rock Spring Circle, Slope View Road, and Rough Ridge Road. A list of Helen expenditures and reimbursements were listed in the report.

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

The Police Department is operating well. Officer Clark resigned her position as a full-time police officer; her last shift was on September 30th. Officer Clark will continue to assist the police department as needed as a reserve officer. Oktoberfest this year was the largest I can recall in my time as the police Department. SMPD had three officers on duty during the busiest times and thankful that no incidents were reported. All full-time SMPD Officers are now intox EX/IR II Certified, enabling them to administer breath alcohol tests in Driving While Impaired Investigations. Patrol Miles:4,574 Foot Patrols:156 Business Checks:577 Residence Checks:420

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

The crew has finished up the seasonal mowing. Time has turned to the task of keeping the leaves out of the culverts and ditches. We have completed installation of several additional streetlights and made repairs to some wiring issues that were affecting other lights. Mountain Electric is in the process of replacing the old mainline wire on Crestview Lane and will be working toward the intersection of Elk Horn and Sugar Mountain Drive. The process of repairing Timber Ridge Road and Mossy Creek Lane is still in the engineering – design phase and we hope to get this project underway very soon. It is my intention to open the 16th hole for play on our last day to be able to say that Helene didn’t defeat us, it only set us back for a brief time.

d. Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd

Tree Removal/Pruning Permits: 2
Zoning Permits for Building: 3
Sign Permits: 3

e. Tax Collection Report

Tax Year 2025 Tax Collection Rate as of Friday, October 17, 2025 37.61%
Tax Year 2024 99.68%

f. Finance Officer's Financial Report – Susan Phillips
Financial reports provided through September 30, 2025.

9. Public Comments

Resident and Volunteer Dedy Traver provided a public notice on the upcoming election.

10. Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown commented on the beautiful weather and Oktoberfest.

Council Member Dick Casey requested everyone come out to play golf on Thursday for Superintendents Revenge Day.

Mayor Gunther Jochl commended staff for an outstanding job. The Village looks beautiful.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Council Member Dick Casey. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Gunther Jochl, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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