

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 16, 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 Austin Eggers, Village Manager Susan Phillips, Chief Casey Turbyfill, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, 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 announces a moment of silence.
4. **Reading of Municipal General Elections Abstract of Votes**
Village Clerk Tammy Floyd read the abstract of votes. David Ammann: 27, and Scott Brown 24.
5. **Issuance of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Council Members**
Village Clerk Tammy Floyd issued oath of office to David Ammann and Scott Brown as Council Members.
6. **Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and Issuance of Oath of Office**
Mayor Gunther Jochl suggested Council Member Scott Brown. All were in favor and the **Motion Carried** unanimously. Village Clerk Tammy Floyd issued oath of office to Scott Brown as Mayor Pro Tem.
7. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to adopt the agenda. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).
8. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Council Member Dick Casey 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).
9. **Old Business**

10. New Business

a. **Consider Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Contract Amendment**

After discussion, Council Member David Ammann motioned to approve the contract amendment with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

11. Departmental Reports

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

Tri-County Paving has been in the Village and has begun a small portion of the scheduled repairs. A request for bids for the Hurricane Helen repairs needed to Timber Ridge Road has been advertised. Collections of occupancy tax showed an increase of 4.3% for November through October. A detailed FEMA update is included in the report including a delay in approval of two Emergency Road Repair projects. With the expenditures the Village had in FY 2024-25 due to Hurricane Helene, receipt of other grant monies, a single audit will be required this year. The Village will submit the annual financial statements on June 30, 2025 by February 12, 2026.

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

The report states the Chief has adjusted the schedule and he will be working on weekends and holidays. As of the time of this report, he has no applicants for the full-time position. An in-service compliance audit for all personnel will be conducted soon. A representative from the Governor's Crime Commission will be by the department to certify that the Sugar Mountain Police Department is in compliance as a non-secure police facility. Business Checks: 426, Residence Checks: 381, Patrol Miles: 4,282, Citations: 8, Arrest: 1, ABC Closings: 19.

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

New guardrails are in place on the upper portion of Grouse Moor Dr, Briarcliff Rd. and on Sugar Mountain Drive at the intersection with Timber Ridge Rd. We were able to get the roads treated for the ice events and do not believe there were any reported accidents within the Village. During a brief break in the weather, we were able to get Highland circle repaved and I imagine it will be spring before the remainder of the patching is finished. We do anticipate with cooperation in the weather to begin repair and construction on Timber Ridge Rd in January. Installation of new sod on the golf course was completed last week. I am already looking forward to opening a fully function golf course in April.

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

One drone permit issued for real estate images.

e. **Tax Collection Report**

Tax Year 2025 Tax Collection Rate as of Thursday, December 11, 2025 64.85%
Tax Year 2024 99.72%

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

Financial reports provided through November 30, 2025.

12. Public Comments

Dedy Taver is thankful to Bill Daniels for keeping the roads clear and the police department's presence.

13. Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown stated that Sugar Mountain is “calm and happy” and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Years.
Council Member David Ammann and Council Member Dick Casey wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Mayor Gunther Jochl complimented the Village and Staff for making the Village safe and his position as Mayor and easy one.

14. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Gunther Jochl, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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