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Manager's Monthly Report January 20, 2026

Street Repairs and Paving: Tri-County Paving has been in the Village the past two weeks on days the weather permitted, working on a small portion of the scheduled repairs and paving on streets that were damaged from Helene that they were not able to complete in December. They also were able to complete the repairs and resurfacing of the road section in front of the Convenience Center at Village Hall.

Timber Ridge Road: A Request for Bids for the Timber Ridge Road repairs project was advertised in December and four contractors submitted bids for the project on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The low bidder was Tri-County Paving with a bid of \$209,524.80. Bid submissions ranged from \$209,525 to \$280,690. The total project cost is estimated at \$350,000. Once the contract has been executed, work will commence, weather dependent. This portion of Timber Ridge Road has been closed since Hurricane Helene in September 2024.

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Meeting: The TDA Board met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The Board had a brief discussion on requests from businesses outside of Sugar Mountain being featured on the Village website and/or social media pages. Jeanine Hasty, Bramble Marketing, submitted the attached 2025 Yearly Marketing Report.

The November 2025 collections of the occupancy tax showed an increase of \$67,554 or 37% in comparison to November 2024. The occupancy tax collections for the period December 2024 through November 2025 (\$809,288) have shown a \$67,191 or 8.31% increase in comparison to the same period of 2024 (\$742,097).

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	\$ 435,547.
• Golf Course (expenditures to date \$932,217)	\$ <u>39,324.</u>
Total submissions to date:	\$1,944,078.

Reimbursements received to date:

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• Tennis Courts	\$ 166,387.
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• Village Staff labor/Equipment – Debris Removal	\$ 253,135.
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	\$1,236,139.

*Received on January 12, 2026

Property Tax Collections: Tammy has been busy the past few weeks, as it is always at the end of the year, with tax payment collections. Of the \$1,452,742 total 2025 levy, \$1,338,8983 or 92.17% has been collected with a balance of \$113,759 uncollected through January 15, 2026. A balance of \$4,458 remains uncollected for the 2016-2024 tax years. Taxes were due or must be post-marked by Tuesday, January 6, 2026 and have begun to accrue interest and penalties at this time.

Administrative Matters:

Advertisements for the Police Officer position vacancy, 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 one application for the position.

I would like to welcome Madison Hicks back to the Village as a full-time officer. Madison will begin her employment with the Village again on January 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Phillips, Village Manager