

**A Regular Meeting of the  
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
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 Wade Wittman, and Council Member Dick Casey.

**Council Members Absent:**

Council Member David Ammann

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

Attorney Stacy Eggers IV, Chief Casey Turbyfill, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, and Village Manager Susan Phillips 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. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda** – Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to adopt the agenda with a second from Council Member Dick Casey. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

- Council Member Dick Casey moved to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

- a. **Consider Approval of Additional Police Officer Position.**

- Village Manager Susan Phillips advised a budget amendment is not needed for the current fiscal year. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to approve an additional police officer position. Council Member Dick Casey 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**

- The Manager's report provides an update on the completion of Timber Ridge Road, FEMA project expenditures and reimbursements received to date, Tourism Development Authorities advertising approvals, and Blue Ridge Parkway project closures.

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

Chief Turbyfill reports the department continues to operate effectively and is pleased to report that the vacant officer position has been filled by Kurt Moore. Appreciation was given to Sugar Mountain Resort staff for their assistance during the busy ski weekends and holidays. Update on training was provided and repairs that were performed on one of the Dodge Durango Patrol Vehicles. Residence Checks: 237 Business Checks: 318 Patrol Miles: 3,643

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

Over the next several weeks, the public works department will begin to remove the accumulated gravel and screenings from the winter along our roadways. Next up is the replacement of a culvert and stabilizing the road slope between the tennis courts and Glenwood Road. We will be able to open the golf course with all 18 holes but depending on the scope of the stream work, periodic hole closures will be necessary. We have set April 17<sup>th</sup> as the opening day for our 2026 season.

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

Sign Permit: 1 Tree Permit: 1 Fence Permit: 1

**e. Tax Collection Report**

2025 Tax Collection Rate as of Friday March 13, 2026: 97.55%  
2024 Remaining Balance to Collect: \$2,718.03

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

Financial Reports provided through February 28, 2026

**9. Public Comments**

Eric Ziecheck of Sugar Mountain Drive wanted to share some praise and thanks to the Mayor, Council, and all the departments.  
Dedy Traver provided her usual thanks to all the departments and wonderful job.

**10. Mayor/Council Comments**

Council Member Wade Wittman thanked Bill for all his work with the weather.  
Mayor Gunther Jochl stated he is still making snow and people are still skiing. Applauded the Village Departments on dependability and strength put forth.

**11. Adjournment**

Council Member Wade Wittman moved adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Gunther Jochl, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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