

**A Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 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 David Ammann, Council Member Wade Wittman, and Council Member Dick Casey.

Council Members Absent:

Village Hall Staff Present:

Attorney Joey Petrack, Chief Casey Turbyfill, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, Village Manager Susan Phillips, and Village Clerk Tammy Floyd who recorded the official meeting.

Approximately twelve 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** – Council Member Wade Wittmann moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of swearing in Patrol Officer Marvin Sanchez. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Dick Casey moved to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Consider Purchase of Skid Steer Loader and Excavator \$146,812.**

A formal request has been provided to the council with details of the proposed offer. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown made a motion to accept the offer and purchase the equipment. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
 - b. **Consider FY 2025-26 Budget Amendment #3 for Purchase of Skid Steer Loader and Excavator.**

Council Member Dick Casey moved to adopt the budget amendment with a second from Council Member Wade Wittman. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).
 - c. **Schedule Budget Meeting for May 19, 2026 3:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown moved to schedule the budget meeting with a second from Council Member Dick Casey. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

d. Consider FY 2025-26 Budget Amendment #4 to Appropriate Funds to the Tennis and Golf Maintenance Departments.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown made the motion to adopt the budget amendment. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

e. Consider Re-Appointment of Dick Casey and Zoe Schmidnger to a 3-year Term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Council Member Wade Wittman motion to re-appoint. Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** three (3) votes to zero (0) with Council Member Dick Casey abstaining.

f. Consent to Advertise 2025 Tax Liens on Real Property.

Council Member David Ammann moved to advertise liens on real property. Council Member Wade Wittman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

8. Departmental Reports

a. Village Manager's Report – Susan Phillips

Report provided includes an opening date of the golf course as April 17th. Helene repairs will continue during the regular golf season. Tennis opening day is scheduled for May 11th. The Tourism Development Authority approved audit costs and planting of trees on the golf course. February collections of occupancy tax showed an increase of 11% in comparison to February 2025. FEMA expenditures to date: \$3,419,889 and Reimbursements received to date: \$2,407,744. The Courtyard Marriott at the Grandfather Center will be opening its doors on April 23rd.

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

Chief Casey Turbyfill reports the department continues to operate effectively. Our newest officer, Marvin Sanchez-Fabian, has begun Phase one of field training and will be working a split shift. Officers have been completing their 2026 in-service training. Incident summaries were provided. Residence Checks: 419 Business Checks: 485 Patrol Miles: 4,197

c. Swearing in Patrol Officer Marvin Sanchez.

Officer Marvin Sanchez had several family members present to whiteness his searing-in ceremony as a patrol officer for the Village of Sugar Mountain.

d. Public Works Director's Monthly Report – Bill Daniels

The department is reported to be busy cleaning up the remnants of the winter season and preparing for road striping. We have also been very diligent in making sure the shoulders of the roadways have an adequate gravel layer alongside the asphalt. While the scars of Helene still remain in the streams and adjacent areas the turf on the golf course has never been better.

e. Monthly Permits Issuance Log – Tammy Floyd

Zoning Permit to Build: 3 Tree Pruning and Cutting: 3 Sign Permits: 4

f. Tax Collection Report

2025 Tax Collection Rate as of Thursday, April 16, 2026 %99.02
2024 Remaining Balance to Collect: \$1,813.46

g. Finance Officer’s Financial Report – Susan Phillips
Financial Reports provided through March 31, 2026

9. Public Comments

Susan Auffinger mentioned her concerns about downed trees on private property.
Dedy Taver provided a public announcement about the Board of Equalization property reassessments for 2027.

10. Mayor/Council Comments

Council Members Wade Wittman and Dick Casey both commented on how great the golf course looks.
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Brown stated, “nothing more inspiring than spring in the mountains”.
Mayor Gunther Jochl expressed gratitude to all Village departments.

11. Adjournment

Council Member David Ammann moved adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dick Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

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

Gunther Jochl, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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