

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING  
ASSEMBLY ROOM  
MARCH 11, 2010  
9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of March 11, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to the Mayor were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Bucher, Chandler, Davis, Farr, and Wert, and Village Clerk Hill.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Staton led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL / CHANGES**

Mayor Staton asked that item #8, ABC Considerations, under New Business be removed. Council Member Farr made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Member Farr moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:
  - February 11, 2010, Council Meeting Minutes
  - 2009 Tax Releases – Vice Mayor Weedman

The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**2. Zoning Administration - Council Member Bucher**

Council Member Bucher reported the zoning breakfast was held Wednesday, March 10, 2010, and Vice Mayor Weedman made a Laserfiche presentation.

Mrs. Boleman reviewed the zoning report and reported on the following zoning issues:

**Highland Lake PMUD** – Developer is making needed corrections to updated master site plan.

**Other zoning activity** – Off premises scanning of large surveys/site plans by Varnadore & Associates is continuing. We are currently in the process of transferring information to village laserfiche files.

**Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings scheduled for March 2010:**

**Zoning:** Zoning breakfast meeting was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

**Planning Board:** Planning Board is scheduled to meet March 15, 2010, to review proposed zoning ordinance text amendments.

**Board of Adjustment:** Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 23, 2010, to consider a conditional use permit application for a home occupation. Applicant contemplates conducting a marriage and family therapy practice at her home address.

**3. Village Hall – Council Member Wert**

Council Member Wert reported the fire marshal's office suggested that we get an annual fire alarm certification. He contacted Southern Alarm to add such certification to the contract. Mr. Wert is in the process of replacing the outside flags with flags of a more appropriate size. He will be meeting with Lee Luebbe, of the League of Women Voters, to discuss concerns of that group's use of the facility. Deadline for articles in the Village Record is April 12, 2010. Snow and ice damage of the gutter at the front entrance to the building has been temporarily repaired.

**4. Tax collections – Tax Supervisor Weedman**

Vice Mayor Weedman reported tax collections currently total \$671,902.06 (98.8%), with \$7,918.68 still outstanding. Third notice of delinquency letters were mailed March 4, 2010, advising if payment was not received within ten days from the date of letter, garnishment or other actions would be taken.

**5. Transportation issues – Council Member Farr**

Council Member Farr reported NCDOT has started cleaning storm damage on Little River Road, after which the contractor will clean Greenville Highway. The sidewalk extension is basically done, with seeding of disturbed ground remaining to be done before completion. A suggestion has been made for the possibility of a crosswalk to Flat Rock Playhouse at the end of the sidewalk across from the entrance to the playhouse. Mr. Farr is working with Ed Lastein to locate the misplaced Greenways master plan showing proposed greenways within the Village. Mr. Lastein has been asked to obtain an aerial photograph from Henderson County and mark it

up to show all greenways, existing and proposed. Mr. Farr reported that NCDOT has located funds to start construction on Upward Road, and they will go out for bids for the work in March. Construction at US 176 & US 25 is progressing. A contract start date for replacement of the Crail Farm Road bridge is expected for later this year.

**6. 2010 – 2011 Budget calendar – Council Member Bucher**

Council Member Bucher reviewed the budget calendar and stated that, at the agenda meeting on March 29, 2010, worksheets will be handed out to prepare requests for the budget, and the time for a public hearing on the budget will be June 10, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**7. 2010 Ice Cream Social – Council Member Bucher  
Sponsorship of June 5, 2010, Summer Music in Flat Rock concert**

Council Member Bucher reported a meeting was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, and everything is being lined up for the 2010 Ice Cream Social. He made a motion that Council support the summer music concert scheduled for that date, sponsored by the Flat Rock Merchants Association and with a \$500 donation, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. Mayor – Council Reports**

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that we have a \$1.5 million CD maturing and asked for any suggestions as to where to deposit the funds. The lease contract on the Bizhub copier will be expiring in June. Payments totaling \$385,000.00 are due to the fire departments at the end of March, and he will be discussing with the respective fire department the possibility of altering the contracts to change payment dates.

Council Member Davis reported the Planning Board will be reviewing the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance at the meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010. He has incorporated the corrections that Carol Rhea suggested after her review of the draft Land Development Ordinance. Bill Lapsley has reviewed the former subdivision section on roads that will be included in the new ordinance.

A working meeting will be scheduled for council to review the proposed Land Development Ordinance after the Planning Board's review at its April meeting.

Council Member Farr stated he will obtain from Ed Lastein plans and a cost estimate for the possibility of a crosswalk across Greenville Highway at the end of the sidewalk. He has asked for a proposal from Carol Rhea on training classes for Board of Adjustment members regarding the board's jurisdiction and responsibilities under the proposed Land Development Ordinance. An engineering company is reviewing the solar panel section of the proposed ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:32 a.m., with no further discussions, Council Member Wert moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

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Michelle Hill  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor