

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
MAY 13, 2010
9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of May 13, 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

Council Member Wert made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Member Chandler moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:
 - March 29, 2010, Agenda Workshop Minutes
 - April 8, 2010, Council Meeting Minutes
 - Enactment of Proposed Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, #61

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

2. Zoning Administration - Council Member Bucher

Council Member Bucher presented and reviewed a proposed fee schedule. Council Member Bucher made a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule effective May 2010, seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman, A copy of the fee schedule is attached. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

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

King Creek Preserve – Developer has submitted everything for proof of infrastructure completion but has not submitted copies of covenants, conditions and restrictions and bylaws required prior to Zoning Administrator’s approval of the subdivision plat for recording.

Berwick Downs – Telephone conversations with Lee King regarding Mr. King’s desire to do a subdivision recombination of lots, i.e. he wants to switch a building lot and an open space lot. Per section 201 (A) of the subdivision ordinance, Mr. King can recombine lots as long as open space acreage is not significantly decreased.

Other zoning activity – Off premises scanning of large site plans and maps is complete.

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

Zoning: Zoning breakfast meeting was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Board of Adjustment: Board of Adjustment members attended a training workshop on April 26, 2010. The workshop was led by Carol Rhea, planning consultant for the Village. The Board of Adjustment is not scheduled to meet in May.

Zoning Administrator Boleman presented an April 2010 Floodplain Activity Report (copy attached).

3. Village Hall – Council Member Wert

Council Member Wert reported that the office will be acquiring a new Bizhub copier in July when the current lease contract expires. The drain sink hole in the handicapped parking space of the parking lot has been repaired by Trace & Company. Mrs. Betty Roemer of the Flat Rock Garden Group informed him that the group is no longer in existence, so FitzSimons will be responsible for replacing the flowers to get ready for the annual ice cream social.

4. Tax collections – Tax Supervisor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reviewed the tax report (see attached copy) and reported that tax collections currently total \$675,818.29 (99.35%), with \$4,360.71 still outstanding. Currently ad valorem taxes on eleven real and personal properties owned by six individuals are delinquent. Tax Supervisor Weedman made a motion that the Flat Rock Village Council direct the Tax Collector to start actions required to foreclose on the delinquent properties owned by America’s

Management LLC and by Flat Rock Holdings LLC, and that the Tax Collector is directed to consult with the Village Attorney to insure that all necessary steps required by law are taken to foreclose on these properties. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Review of proposed budget – Council Member Bucher

Council Member Bucher reported he is still awaiting input from the county for the budget, but expects to receive it soon. The budget has to be adopted no later than June 30, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Meeting Procedures – Mayor Staton

Following a discussion about seconds of motions made by council members and whether or not to adjourn a meeting without a motion to adjourn, by consensus of the council, it was agreed that council would continue the requirement that a motion must be seconded before being acted upon by council, and each council meeting would be ended only upon a motion to adjourn.

7. Volunteer Appreciation event – Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis reported that, although the original suggestion for this event was to hold a pig picking, he and Vice Mayor Weedman recommended a dinner at Woodfield Inn. Sometime in September would be most appropriate. They will continue to work on this event.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Mayor - Council Reports

Council Member Farr reported the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee met to compile a priority list of road improvements within the County. His suggestion that the widening and straightening of Rutledge Drive be included on the list was approved. The list has been forwarded to the MPO.

Council Member Farr reported that he had received a quote of \$3,968.00 from Trace & Company for the correction of the drainage problem onto the parking lot. Council Member Farr made a motion to accept such bid and to have the work done before next winter, seconded by Council Member Wert. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice Mayor Weedman suggested that the work should be done in the next fiscal year.

Council Member Farr reported a citizen, Jane Avalone, who lives in Pinecrest Estates filed a complaint about standing water at the entrance to the subdivision from West Blue Ridge Road. He notified NCDOT of the situation, and they plan to resurface that portion of the road sometime in the near future.

Council Member Farr requested discussion on Bob Brown's suggestion of the Village obtaining a CPR defibrillator. After discussion, Council Member Wert said he will obtain cost estimates for equipment and training.

Vice Mayor Weedman suggested that, because of changes in management, procedures and charges at Carolina First Bank, the Village should change its banking relationship to Mountain First Bank. By consensus of Council, it was agreed to make such change. Council Member Chandler recommended a courtesy call to J.W. Davis to advise him that we will make the change.

Council Member Chandler commended Carol Rhea on the training session held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, for the Planning Board. Upon advice from our auditor that an off-site backup system be obtained, he met with CSI and received a quote of \$5,397.50/year for a warm off-site computer backup system. Council Member Chandler recommended implementing this backup system with CSI. By consensus of Council, it was agreed to implement this system.

Council Member Davis reported that everyone has received an electronic copy of the proposed Land Development Ordinance, and a guide to the changes. He has forwarded this guide to Carol Rhea for her review, and should receive her comments sometime next week. The Planning Board has recommended the proposed ordinance to Council. A working meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 9:30 am in the Highlander Room for Council to review.

Mayor Staton advised that he will be away and unable to attend the June 10, 2010, Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Michelle Hill
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor