

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
FEBRUARY 12, 2015
9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of February 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Chandler, Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman.

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 added under *New Business, Item #6 – East Flat Rock Small Area Plan*, and *Item #7 – Flat Rock Playhouse*. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Member Farr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following;
 - December 29, 2014 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
 - December 29, 2014 – Park Workshop Minutes
 - January 8, 2015 – Council Meeting Minutes
 - Appointment of Steve Jamerson to Park Advisory Board

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reviewed the January 2015 zoning report dated February 9, 2015, and Village Administrator report dated February 12, 2015 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of February 11, 2015, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.1%, with \$675,046.78 total collected (see attached report dated February 11, 2015).

4. Park Update – Council Member Chandler

Council Member Chandler reported on the following:

Welcome Center – the module is scheduled to go on the manufacturing line on March 11th, to be completed on March 30th and delivered one week later. Steve Jamerson and an architectural representative will visit the plant the week of March 16th to review framing, wiring, etc., before the sheetrock is installed. Trace and Company is currently demolishing the existing building.

Grounds Maintenance - Mayor Staton, Council Member Chandler and Administrator Boleman met with Dunkin FitzSimons for a discussion of the renewal of the park grounds maintenance agreement. They also discussed filling in the sand traps for easier maintenance by using material from the stored dirt piles.

Creek erosion – Trace and Company is currently working on creek restoration and expects to complete the job in the next couple of days.

Reforestation – NC Forest Service has put out 1,600 flags where trees are to be planted the week of February 23rd or March 2nd.

Mr. Chandler also reported he has received requests from Kenmure for use of the park to stage a 5K run to raise money for the cancer centers at Pardee and Park Ridge, and the Kiwanis Club for the use of the park for another event. Neither group has picked up an application form for an event.

“No fishing” signs have been removed from the park.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported that, at Monday’s Foundation board meeting, Myra Grant presented to the board members a list of grants she has researched and intends to seek in the next several months.

Mr. Gooch also reported the Foundation board has established an Executive Committee and a Marketing and Development Committee. The first Marketing and Development Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27th. Prospective donor parties are scheduled to begin in April, to which donors will invite friends and neighbors to their homes for a presentation of park plans, to be followed by requests for support of the park. The Executive Committee’s first job will be to review the Donor Recognition Policy and present a proposal to the Foundation board and then to Council.

Mr. Gooch gave a financial update of donations and pledges.

Old Business – None

New Business

6. East Flat Rock Area Plan – Mayor Staton

Mayor Staton reported the County Commissioners have approved the development of an East Flat Rock small area plan to be adopted at a later date following an 18 – 24 month process. The commissioners will form an advisory committee consisting of nine voting representatives from the East Flat Rock community and three non-voting representatives. Because of the proximity of the small area to Flat Rock, the Village has been invited to nominate a representative for appointment to this committee. Ginger Brown recommended Keith Kennedy, a resident of Highland Lake Village, for that position. Council Member Chandler made a motion to nominate Keith Kennedy for appointment to the committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

7. Flat Rock Playhouse – Mayor Staton

Mayor Staton discussed the serious environmental, air quality problems resulting from mold and affecting a number of the buildings at the Flat Rock Playhouse, which, if not addressed and corrected immediately, could jeopardize the playhouse's 2015 season. The cost of remediation and repair is \$185,000.00. Because of its lack of cash to pay for the remediation and reconstruction, the Playhouse is asking for emergency funding from Henderson County, City of Hendersonville and Village of Flat Rock. Mayor Staton recommended that Flat Rock contribute \$50,000.00 to the remediation effort, which he expects Hendersonville and the county each will match. A motion that the village contribute \$50,000.00 to the Flat Rock Playhouse for the environmental cleanup was made by Vice Mayor Weedman and seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Other Business

8. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta reported the Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Farr advised that, on February 2, 2015, the village applied for an 80%/20% matching federal grant for a \$330,000.00 interior trails project at the Park.

Council Member Gooch reminded Council of staff evaluations.

Council Member Jamerson distributed a Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Budget Calendar to begin the budget process.

Public Comments – Pete Bonesteel expressed concerns about the draining of Highland Lake and lake maintenance issues.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor