

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**JUNE 22, 2015**  
**9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Staton presided over the special meeting of June 22, 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, Council Members Chandler, Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – 2015/2016 Budget**

Mayor Staton stated the reason for this meeting is a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2015/2016.

Council Member Chandler made a motion to go into a public hearing, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

For the record, Mayor Staton stated the notice of public hearing was properly advertised, and the proposed budget has been available for public review.

Council Member Jamerson reviewed the proposed budget and made the following changes;

Pavilion – changed from \$287,000.00 to \$211,000.00. Mayor Staton suggested the \$76,000.00 savings be allocated to the playground for costs of additional grading, Ed Lastein's services as project manager, and contingencies. After discussions of proposed costs for areas of the playground, site work, and project management, Vice Mayor Weedman suggested leaving the amount of \$200,000.00 for the playground until more confirmed amounts are known, then revisiting the matter and amending the budget as necessary. Mr. Chandler expressed concerns of Beanstalks' proposal in the form of an artistic rendering. He proposed asking Ed Lastein and Beanstalk to provide a detailed drawing of the playground, berm, and the first phase so everyone understands exactly what is proposed for the playground. Steve Jamerson will be the project manager for the pavilion.

In a previous meeting, Mr. Weedman had mentioned the possibility of the village's purchasing a dog for the K-9 unit at the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Staton reported that Sheriff McDonald advised him that he was aware of the village's interest in purchasing a dog, but such donation would be inappropriate at this time. The department is reevaluating the K-9 service, taking into

consideration its cost effectiveness in purchasing a dog, training the dog and its handler, maintenance of the animal, and other factors, all of which are expensive. The department does not at this time see a benefit in maintaining the K-9 unit.

Mr. Weedman suggested that of the \$35,000.00 in the budget for Flat Rock community support, \$25,000.00 be appropriated to the Flat Rock Playhouse, thereby leaving \$10,000.00 for other community support, with the understanding that if the Sheriff's Department decides to retain its K-9 unit, the Village would reconsider the donation of a dog.

Council Member Gooch suggested the \$35,000.00 in the budget for community support be appropriated to the Flat Rock Playhouse. Mr. Weedman made a motion to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Flat Rock Playhouse, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The motion carried on a 5 to 1 vote, with Mr. Gooch casting the no vote.

The Village's commitment to the Park Foundation was discussed. Council needs information about pledges and donations to the Foundation, and the identification of both restricted and unrestricted gifts and pledges. Council Member Chandler suggested the Foundation give Council a quarterly financial report that would include such information. Since the Welcome Center has been completed and most if not all outstanding bills for its construction should be paid by the end of the current fiscal year, Mr. Weedman requested that the Perry N. Rudnik Fund grant of \$45,000.00 that has been received by the Foundation be transferred to the Village, and that the Foundation's board take the necessary action to authorize the transfer before the end of the fiscal year.

Hilton Swing, of the Playground Committee, stated that Ed Lastein has been asked to provide his grading plan for the playground and an estimate of the cost of his management of the project. Mr. Swing and John Dockendorf spoke about fundraising for the playground. Mr. Dockendorf stated he and the Playground Committee are excited that Ed Lastein will manage the project, but the committee members wish to have a significant role in negotiations with Beanstalk and in refining and improving the vendor's designs. He expressed concerns about the amount budgeted for the playground and stated the committee is trying to get the cost of the project as low as possible and within the budget.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, Mr. Weedman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Action on Ordinance No. 92 - FY 2015/2016 Budget**

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 92 (see attached) as amended, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor