

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
AUGUST 13, 2015
9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of August 13, 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

Under *Special Reports*, as Item #5, *Tax Report*, and under *Old Business*, as Item #6, *Personnel Policy – Medicare Amendment*, were added to the agenda. 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 – Mr. Robert Spitzen commented about an article published in a local newspaper that discussed the history of his relationship with the village.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following;

- June 1, 2015 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- June 11, 2015 – Council Meeting Minutes
- June 22, 2015 – Budget Special Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes
- June 29, 2015 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- July 9, 2015 – Council Meeting Minutes
- Planning Board Appointments – Victor Behoriam and Joe Sloan, terms ending August 13, 2018.

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

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reviewed the July 2015 zoning report dated August 10, 2015, and Village Administrator report dated August 13, 2015 (see attached reports).

3. Park Update – Council Member Chandler

Ed Lastein reported the playground committee has been working with BeanStalk Journeys to have a climbing structure placed first in the playground. He then discussed a grading plan he is in the process of completing for the playground. Access to the playground must be ADA compliant. Excess dirt from the grading will be used for berms to be included in the playground.

Steve Jamerson, project manager, and Mr. Lastein met with Shamburger Architects on July 31, 2015, to discuss finalizing the concept drawings of the pavilion, post and beam manufacturers capable of doing the project, foundation concrete work, site development, and work scheduling. At the meeting, Shamburger agreed to prepare a drawing of the floor plan and two views of the building. Start of construction of the pavilion is planned for mid-September. Council gave Mr. Jamerson authorization to proceed with the pavilion project. There are concerns of construction happening during the October 17, 2015 Fall into Flat Rock event. He will work with Maurean Adams on this issue.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch gave a financial update on donations and pledges received by the Foundation. The Foundation will give to Council on a quarterly basis a report of donations and pledges received.

October 17, 2015, event planning is going well. The Foundation has obtained liability coverage for the event.

Mr. Gooch recognized Council Member Coletta's family for the donations and pledges to fund the Maybank-Rhett Nature Center at the park.

The Welcome Center grand opening is scheduled for September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Permanent signs are being made for the Welcome Center.

A park workshop was scheduled for August 31, 2015, following the scheduled agenda workshop meeting. Among other things, a procedure for the transfer of funds from the Foundation to the Village will be discussed at that time.

Mayor Staton welcomed Duncan Fraser as the new President of the Foundation.

5. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman presented the 2015 Tax Charge giving Martha Orr, Tax Collector, authorization to collect 2015 taxes. Mr. Weedman made a motion to adopt the Tax Charge as presented, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Old Business

6. Personnel Policy – Medicare Amendment – Mayor Staton

Mayor Staton stated Council had approved Martha Orr's request to opt out of the medical insurance with the Municipal Insurance Trust of NC and apply for Medicare, which she has done. Council agreed to reimburse her for the coverages of Medicare Plan B, Medicare Supplement, and Prescription Drug coverage, which results in a savings to the Village. The proposed amendment to the personnel policy authorizes a Medicare option for Village employees. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt the amendment, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

New Business – None

Other Business

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta and Maurean Adams attended a meeting with Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy and gave a presentation about the park.

Public Comments – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor