

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
ASSEMBLY ROOM – VIA ZOOM
NOVEMBER 30, 2020
9:30 AM

Mayor Weedman presided over the November 30, 2020, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Council Members Carpenter, Coletta, Dethero, Gooch, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Weedman welcomed the auditor, Carl E. Shaw, CPA, who presented the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 audit report. He reported the Village has a very strong financial base, and strong internal controls. As of June 30, 2020, the Village continues to have a strong collection rate in collecting real and personal property taxes. The auditor did not perform a separate audit for the Flat Rock Park & Recreation Foundation but included their financial numbers in the Village's audit report. Mr. Shaw reported that the Local Government Commission now requires that a third-party review financial statements to verify that they are in accordance with all of the North Carolina guidelines. Mr. Brian Broom, CPA reviewed and approved the Village's financial statements.

Council Member Coletta made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 audit report as presented, seconded by Council Member Dethero. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the December 10, 2020, council meeting was presented, and the following items were added: Under *Old Business – Item #7 – Tree City USA application*, and *Item #8 - Speed Limit Change NC Hwy 225*; Under *New Business – Item #10 – Resolution No. 222 – Waiving Compensation of the Mayor and Council Members*. With no further changes, Mayor Weedman stated an agenda had been set.

Discussions:

Following the December 10, 2020, council meeting, there will be a joint meeting with Council and the Flat Rock Park & Recreation Foundation.

Council Member Dethero mentioned there is no news on the Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park sewer project. The next HC Water & Sewer meeting is in January. He mentioned the Historic Landmarks Commission needs a new council member appointed to the Commission.

Council Member Coletta mentioned West Blue Ridge Road is now open with a temporary fix with gravel. The Governor's Executive Order is in effect until December 11, 2020, with restrictions of required masks and limiting the maximum number of people in an inside gathering to 10.

Council Member Carpenter reported the Park Commission met November 19, 2020, and there will be no meeting in December. The Commission is continuing to work on the fee waiver policy. There will be discussions of creating an endowment for upkeep of the Park at the joint meeting on December 10, 2020, with the Flat Rock Park & Recreation Foundation.

Council Member Gooch talked about the difference between an endowment and a regular unrestricted account, and the advantages of having an endowment.

Administrator Christie read an email from Tracey Daniels giving the Foundation report as follows:

- **The annual “end of year” letter** was sent before the holiday and donations are already coming in. We should have our first, tentative “count” by the next council meeting.
- **Kids in Parks** – program is still in process with installation of sign and education materials tentatively for December (sign delayed due to COVID-19 staffing issues for printing signs). Signage is currently at printer. We will have an official “celebration” and launch of the program sometime in March or April when the weather is better.
- **Pardee in the Park** – program and schedule for 2021 is moving forward; we should have dates, classes, and instructors by January. Pardee will be doing more marketing of this program in 2021.
- **Sit. Step. Sing.** – program was a huge success by the end of October with word spreading about this fun class; this class will return twice a week in March 2021. All classes are free.
- **#GivingTuesday** is tomorrow 12/1. It's a great opportunity for any council members (and others) to donate to the Park. In past years, we have had 100% participation from council members, Foundation board members and Foundation staff. We are close to doing this again in 2020. GivingTuesday is being targeted to Henderson County and Park patrons (beyond Flat Rock).

Administrator Christie mentioned the Planning Board is meeting December 1, 2020.

With no further discussions, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Mayor