

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING  
ASSEMBLY ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017  
9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Staton presided over the September 14, 2017, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and 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**

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – United Way of Henderson County**

Ms. Denise Long, Executive Director of United Way of Henderson County, gave a video presentation, and distributed brochures on United Way.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- July 31, 2017 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- August 10, 2017 – Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Village Administrator Boleman reviewed the July and August 2017 zoning report dated September 14, 2017, and the Village Administrator report dated September 14, 2017 (see attached reports).

Ms. Boleman reported the new entrance signage has been changed by removing *The Book Exchange* and replacing it with *Electric Vehicle Charging Station*. The New Citizen's ceremony at Carl Sandburg is Monday, September 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., and several council members have volunteered to help her with the catering.

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of September 13, 2017, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 15.1 %, with \$140,101.16 total collected (see attached report dated September 13, 2017).

He reported a foreclosure notice was sent to the owner of a property in Staton Woods on September 1, 2017. Village Attorney Sharon Alexander reviewed the letter and will assist in the foreclosure, as needed.

4. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown gave an update:

The contract with Trace and Company to complete the trails has been signed.  
The floors of the Nature Center will be stained soon.  
There was minimal damage in the park after closing the park for the recent storm.  
Terminix is treating the fire ant problem at the playground.

Ms. Brown thanked everyone for attending the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and the Ed Lastein Trail Dedication on September 9, 2017.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch turned the meeting over to Maurean Adams, who distributed a summary of the trails campaign.

Myra Grant stated she attended a meeting about PARTF grant opportunities in 2018, and presented a handout of the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Matching Grant Recipients selected for 2017.

Council Member Gooch reported Duncan Fraser will have the Foundation's second quarter financial report ready for the October council meeting. The Board is reviewing the bylaws. He thanked everyone for attending the Lastein trail dedication.

6. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned he has received a rough draft of the Bike-Pedestrian plan for the village, but has not yet reviewed it. In the meantime, he will forward it to Council.

Mr. Dockendorf stated he met with Bryan Birch of NCDOT, and Mr. Birch hopes NCDOT will make some changes in the Boyd Drive bridge plan that will please the Flat Rock Forest residents.

The NCDOT meeting scheduled for September 12, 2017, on the Highland Lake Road widening project was canceled due to bad weather conditions, and no rescheduled date has been set.

Kanuga Road is currently being surveyed for the planned improvement project, and area residents are not happy with the number of trees that will be affected by the project.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** – None

**Other Business**

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Brown reported Shred Day is scheduled for October 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The collection of unwanted and outdated prescription drugs will again be included, as will the collection of canned goods for IAM.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported the electric vehicle charging station is complete, and he has sent thank you letters to Steve Jamerson, Jimmy Chandler, and Craig DeBrew of Duke Energy. A request for payment of the \$10,000.00 grant has been sent to Duke Energy, and we are awaiting payment.

Council Member Gooch thanked everyone for their involvement with the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Council Member Jamerson mentioned America in Bloom will have the ice rink again this year and will be looking for volunteers. She mentioned the new Edmunds & Associates accounting software is now running, and we will have accounting and payroll training later this month with plans to go live on October 1, 2017.

A Council photograph will be taken on October 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., before the agenda meeting.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Arthur Waybaer, a resident of Claremont, expressed concerns about trees leaning on power lines at Mansouri Mansion, traffic backing up on Highway 225 at the entrance to the Flat Rock Playhouse, and the lack of mowing of the reforestation area in the park. Council Member Brown explained the need to wait until the tree seedlings grow more, and stated it is a work in process.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor