

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
VILLAGE HALL – ASSEMBLY ROOM
110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE
MARCH 4, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Weedman presided over the March 4, 2024, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Gregory, Jeter, Stuller, Toner, and Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weedman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the March 14, 2024, council meeting was presented. Under *Old Business*, *Item #7 – FY 24-25 Budget, New Business, Item #8 – Hire Landscape Architect – Dye Creek, Item #9 – Playground Tunnel Security*, and *Item #10 – St. John pedestrian crossing* was added to the agenda. Council Member Toner made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Discussions:

Village Administrator Christie stated the bid package for the Dye Creek Restoration project was sent to council members. Per Andrew Bick, Dye Creek Project Manager, the recommendation is to award the contract not to the lowest bidder, but to the next lowest bidder. Village Administrator Christie mentioned by state statute that the statutory requirement for informal bids is to award the contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder. Village Attorney Sharon Alexander has reviewed and approved the recommendation to award the contract to Baker Grading & Landscaping if the Village Council wishes. Council Member Carpenter made the motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bick to award the contract of the Dye Creek project to Baker Grading & Landscaping, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to appropriate \$90,000 to cover construction costs for the Dye Creek project not covered by the grant, seconded by Council Member Jeter. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Toner asked Mr. Bick for an update on the status of the pedestrian bridges. Mr. Bick mentioned he is trying to get a revised Park Foundation recommendation for a lighter load for the pedestrian bridges. He is waiting to hear from the technical engineer who had a staff change and is waiting for someone to pick up the project. He has spoken with the construction engineer who is willing to do a redesign of an alternative to steel beams at an estimated additional cost of \$2,500.

Council Member Toner mentioned he will be handing out budget prep worksheets for the 2024-2025 budget year at the March 14, 2024, council meeting.

Council Member Carpenter gave the following update:

- Park visitation was 6,952 cars in January 2024.
- Forest bathing is starting.
- Yoga in the Park is starting April 4, 2024.
- A honeycomb sign for the Pollinator Garden is being designed.
- Pinecrest Presbyterian Church Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 23, 2024, at the church instead of at the Park.

Vice Mayor Coletta reported the following:

- Brown guardrails are being installed on both sides of N. Highland Lake Road.
- NCDOT has been notified of the formliner pattern for the King Creek culvert required by the State Historic Preservation Office, but the formliner color is still to be determined.
- If residents call in having tire damage from the potholes on Highland Lake Road, there is an online reporting form on NCDOT's website.
- A contractor drove across the grass causing damage at Pinecrest Presbyterian Church, and they are working with their attorney to have the contractor cover the costs.

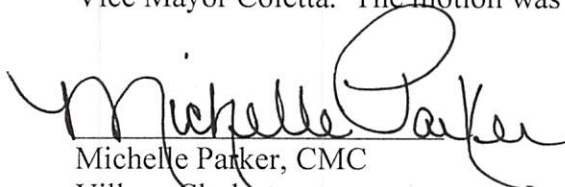
Council Member Toner mentioned the speed sign on Highway 225 towards Flat Rock has been turned around. Vice Mayor Coletta will contact Luke Hunter, who installed the speed sign, to see about repair.

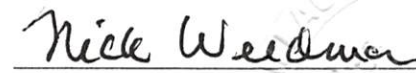
Council Member Stuller mentioned she attended an ethics class in Asheville in February.

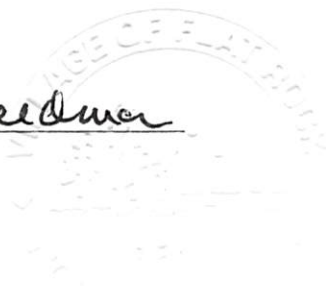
Mayor Weedman reported that, as of March 4, 2024, the current fiscal year tax collections are at \$1,661,679.82 (99.25 percent) total collected (see attached report). The fire departments will receive their first payment at the end of March.

Village Administrator Christie mentioned the Planning Board will be meeting next week due to the Board of Elections holding the primary election in the Assembly Room, March 5, 2024.

At 10:00 a.m., Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.


Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk


Nick Weedman
Mayor



Monday, March 4, 2024

VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK
Property Tax

Description	Count	Fiscal 2023	Total
Billing	2938	1,675,575.23	1,675,575.23
Releases/Reductions	-	(1,254.44)	(1,254.44)
Payments	-	(1,661,679.82)	(1,661,679.82)
Reversals	-	-	-
Adjustments	-	-	-
Totals		12,640.97	12,640.97

99.25% Collected

On 3/8/23: 99.31% Collected

On 3/9/22: 98.87% Collected