

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
ASSEMBLY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
9:30 AM

Vice Mayor Weedman presided over the September 30, 2019, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Vice Mayor Weedman were Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie. Mayor Staton and Council Member Posey were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Weedman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda for the October 10, 2019, council meeting was approved as presented with no changes.

Discussions

A revised sign control ordinance draft prepared by Mayor Staton and Village attorney Sharon Alexander has been circulated to council members for their comments. The draft has been sent to attorney Brad Searson, who will share it with plaintiffs' counsel in the civil suit instituted by Anne Coletta against the Village. Mr. Weedman mentioned he has contacted Attorney Brad Searson via email asking if the revised ordinance is acceptable. A court order has been issued with a deadline date of October 28, 2019, for both parties to come to an agreement. Vice Mayor Weedman suggests putting the wheels in motion to see if the revised ordinance is acceptable. Zoning Administrator Christie mentioned in making changes to an ordinance, a public hearing is required, and the Planning Board will need to review the ordinance, which will require the board to hold a special meeting.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of September 27, 2019, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 25.6 percent with \$316,525.17 total collected (see attached report dated September 27, 2019).

Vice Mayor Weedman commented a class action suit has been received from the US District Court, Northern District of Ohio regarding the opioid epidemic. Since the Village of Flat Rock is not affected, Vice Mayor Weedman suggests not to fill out any forms in participation of the class action suit.

Council Member Dockendorf reported he is still waiting on Historic Flat Rock's feedback of the current version 2.0 of the original bike pedestrian plan. He commented he would like for council to approve or disapprove the plan at the November council meeting. We want the plan passed, because without a plan it will be difficult to get funding. The state has changed the funding mechanism up to this point for any bike pedestrian project, the Village is responsible for 20% of the cost.

Council Member Dockendorf reported construction has started on Interstate 26 between Hendersonville and Asheville.

At the last FBRMPO meeting, it was discussed the possibility of what happens if the new candidates running in the upcoming election are elected, and a vote in the new council voted to kill the N. Highland Lake Road improvement project. He commented NCDOT has currently spent \$826,797.21 on the project and are in the land acquisition stage. Once in the land acquisition stage, some divisions do not allow projects to be stopped. Our division, Division 14 does not follow this policy. In order for the project to be cancelled, City of Hendersonville and Henderson County would have to give approval for cancellation as this project affects their jurisdictions. The FBRMPO board would review, make a recommendation to the state transportation board in Raleigh.

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned he has spoken with Duke Power about moving the power poles on Rutledge Drive. NCDOT does not have a big right-of-way on Rutledge, they will need to get permission from the property owners. Mr. Dockendorf will continue having discussions with Duke Power and NCDOT to have this accomplished.

Administrator Christie reported Greenville Highway is tentatively scheduled to reopen on October 22, 2019. Today is the deadline for the citizen surveys to be turned in, to be delivered to Land of Sky Regional Council soon.

Ms. Christie reported the Planning Board meeting has been rescheduled from October 1, 2019 to October 8, 2019.

Tracey Daniels mentioned Saturday, October 12, 2019, the Park Foundation will be hosting the Fall Frolic at the park.

Council Member Brown reported Shred Day is scheduled for October 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The collection of unwanted and outdated prescription drugs will again be collected, as will the collection of canned goods and toiletries for IAM.

With no further discussions, Council Member Jamerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Dockendorf. The motion carried on a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Vice Mayor