

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
JANUARY 30, 2017
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Staton presided over the Agenda Workshop meeting on January 30, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, and Gooch, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman. Council Member Jamerson was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda for the February 9, 2017, Council Meeting was presented. With no changes, Mayor Staton stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions:

Vice Mayor Weedman presented the 2016 Discoveries and Releases, and made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Vice Mayor Weedman discussed the following:

Audit

He received a letter from the State Treasurer's office stating two deficiencies with the fiscal year 6/30/16 audit, one of which has been corrected. Steps must be taken that expenses not exceed the budgeted or appropriated levels. If necessary, a budget amendment must be executed.

Animal Control

He met with town managers separately and in a joint meeting that also included police representatives for a discussion of animal control services to be provided by the sheriff's department county-wide. The estimate of costs for such services from the sherriff's department was high. Hendersonville's city manager will recommend to the council the hiring of two additional officers and the purchase of two trucks for animal control. Town of Fletcher intends to buy and equip a truck and train officers to handle animal situations. Both municipalities decline to participate in funding the sheriff's department for additional animal control services. At this point, the county will not entertain county-wide animal control services.

Banking

He met with Entegra Bank and started the process of moving our banking arrangements from First Citizens Bank to Entegra. When accounts are opened we will move money into the checking account and money market account. The First Citizens account will remain open for a while to allow all outstanding checks to clear. Cost for business services will be \$40 per month with the first six months free. This is a cost savings from First Citizens. We anticipate interest to be somewhat greater at Entegra but still miniscule.

Document Storage

The Park Commission has requested that we establish a Virtual Private Network so they can store and access park documents on-line. Nick met with our LaserFiche support firm, Deau Document Scanning Solutions, and discussed having remote access to that system. A quote is being prepared. We are investigating the use of an Office 365 service called Search Point, which uses cloud storage for document management. This system would allow for remote storage and access of documents. He stated we will work with the Park Commission to find a suitable system for their use.

Telephone agreement with AT&T

He has talked with AT&T to lower costs. We have been paying for web services not used.

Mr. Weedman reported that, as of January 27, 2017, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 97.4%, with \$907,842.44 total collected (see attached report dated January 27, 2017).

Council Member Gooch reported the Volunteer Appreciation event will be at the park, September 9, 2017, at 12:00 pm. There will be a caterer and live music.

Council Member Dockendorf reported Reese Shuler, a friend located in Charlotte, works for the consulting engineering firm engaged by NCDOT for the Highland Lake Road widening project. Mr. Shuler informs Council Member Dockendorf they will come to Council before going to the public with any plans. Mr. Dockendorf and Mr. Shuler discussed using the existing perimeter trail for the bike path rather than a paved path next to the perimeter trail. In widening the road, they want to use park property and preserve the trees and historic structures on the opposite side of Highland Lake Road.

Safety of the current park entrance by way of Highland Golf Drive is a concern, especially if the improvement of the railroad tracks crossing on Highland Lake Road is involved in the road widening project. Mr. Dockendorf will speak with Mr. Shuler about the safety concerns.

Council Member Dockendorf reported there was a great turnout of over 50 people that attended the Bike Pedestrian Plan informational public meeting.

An idea that was discussed with local businesses was the need for a Flat Rock walking loop. The trail would go from the park, south along Highland Lake Drive to West Blue Ridge Road, then west to the existing sidewalk on West Blue Ridge Road and along Greenville Highway. People could park at either the Village Hall or the park to walk the loop. Will Sheehan will discuss with fire department management the possibility of the Village leasing part of the grassy area of their property on Greenville Highway for parking purposes,

Council Member Dockendorf reported there is \$8,000,000.00 in federal funding available to Districts 13 and 14 for feasibility studies and engineering of bike and pedestrian trails. The deadline to apply for funding is March 31, 2017.

Mayor Staton reported Mr. Cody Henson, NC House representative, will visit the Village Hall on Friday at 11:00 a.m. He and Council Member Gooch will give Mr. Henson a tour of Flat Rock.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor