

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**MARCH 12, 2015**  
**9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of March 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman. Council Member Chandler was not present.

**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**

Mayor Staton added under *New Business, Item #7, Insurance: Staff Request – Council Member Gooch*. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Member Farr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following;
  - February 2, 2015 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
  - February 12, 2015 – Council Meeting Minutes
  - FY 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Amendment
  - Capital Project Fund Budget Amendment
  - Appointment of Richard DeMadona to Park Advisory Board
  - 2014 Discoveries and Releases

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reported Mop Head Cleaning Service was awarded the cleaning contract for cleaning services at the Village Hall and the Welcome Center at the park starting May 1, 2015.

Waste Industries will place a trash dumpster and a recycle dumpster at the park.

Ms. Boleman reviewed the February 2015 zoning report dated March 10, 2015, and Village Administrator report dated March 12, 2015 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of March 11, 2015, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.8%, with \$679,631.00 total collected (see attached report dated March 11, 2015).

As required by state law, the Tax Collector is to advise the Council of the status of delinquent accounts. In response, the Council is to instruct the Tax Collector to advertise delinquent accounts. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion that the Tax Collector, having made the required report of delinquent accounts to the Village Council, be directed to advertise delinquent accounts at any time at her discretion, but no later than June 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Farr and carried on a unanimous vote.

4. Park Update – Council Member Farr

In Council Member Chandler's absence, Council Member Farr reported the manufacturer is finishing the electrical installation in the new building. Steve Jamerson and an architectural representative are scheduled to visit the plant for inspection of the unit before drywall is installed. Although delivery of the unit by the end of March and its placement in service in April had been anticipated, Dave Bucher advised that the Welcome Center is now expected to be operational by June 6, 2015. The requirement for unanticipated foundation repairs and adverse weather have caused some delays.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Mr. Gooch gave a financial update of donations and pledges to the Foundation for the park

Mr. Gooch also reported prospective donor parties are scheduled to begin in April. Maureen Adams and the Executive Committee are working on a donor recognition plan, which will be presented to Council when finished. The Fall into Flat Rock event at the park is scheduled for October 17, 2015. With the anticipated expiration of the terms of several board members, the board is considering several new potential candidates for the board. The Foundation received an invitation from the trustees of the Rudnik Foundation to submit a grant application by the deadline of April 2, 2015. He asked for a volunteer with a vehicle to be driven by Ed Lastein and large enough to transport six Rudnik trustees on a site visit to the park on April 27, 2015. Richard DeMadona held a training session on Sunday for park ambassadors. Mr. DeMadona stated the training session went well, and he is actively working with the Boy Scouts.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

6. Village Streets: Complete Streets Configuration – Council Member Farr  
Discussion and Adoption of Resolution

Council Member Farr made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 193 – A Resolution Endorsing the Inclusion of Multiuse Paths for Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Planning and Design of New Roads and Streets and Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Projects in the Village of Flat Rock (see attached).

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman and passed on a unanimous vote.

7. Insurance: Staff Request – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported Martha Orr has proposed that, when she becomes Medicare eligible, she enroll in Medicare and withdraw from participation in the medical insurance portion of the Municipal Medical Insurance Trust of North Carolina, effective July 1, 2015; and that Council reimburse her for the following premiums at current rates: Medicare Part B, \$104.00 monthly/\$312.00 quarterly, Medicare Supplement at \$132.00 monthly, and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage at \$46.00 monthly. This would result in a total savings of \$676.00 monthly for the Village and a yearly savings of \$8,112.00 at current rates. She asks that the Village continue to pay dental, vision, life insurance, and short term disability premiums to MMIT, as currently provided. Council Member Gooch made a motion to accept Martha Orr's proposal, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Other Business**

8. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta mentioned a newspaper article about the County Commissioners' discussion of dropping the county's membership in Land of Sky Regional Council because they feel the amount paid in membership fees is not money well-spent. Justin Hembree, Executive Director of Land of Sky, will publish a fact sheet on benefits to Henderson County attributable to Land of Sky membership.

Council Member Farr advised that, on February 2, 2015, the village applied for an 80%/20% matching federal grant for a \$330,000.00 interior trails project at the Park.

Council Member Gooch thanked Council for their input on staff evaluations. He also discussed the inadequacy of insulation in the old portion of the Village Hall, particularly the zoning office, and

suggested that insulation should be added. With the concurrence of the Council, he and Ms. Boleman will investigate the problem and propose a solution.

**Public Comments** – Mr. Robert Spitzen was given three minutes to speak to the Council, which time limitation is imposed by public comment rules adopted by the Council in 2008. Mayor Staton told Mr. Spitzen he would be given more time if he wished to address his intentions with respect to correcting the zoning violation at his 5 Robert E. Lee Drive home, as required by order of the court, and payment of the \$60,400.00 judgment entered by the court against him and Joshua Spitzen in the zoning violation suit brought against them by the Village. He chose not to address those issues and, instead, began to read from a lengthy letter he had posted on the bulletin board at the post office. Copies of that letter, which contained nothing the Council had not heard before, were distributed to the Council members the day before. Mr. Spitzen was not given any additional time and, over his objection, was stopped after speaking for three minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:08 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor