

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
JUNE 1, 2015
9:30 AM

Mayor Staton presided over the Agenda Workshop meeting on June 1, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Chandler, Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda of the June 11, 2015, Council Meeting was presented. At the request of Council Member Coletta, Resolution No. 196 – Resolution in Support of Redistricting Reform was removed from the *Consent Agenda* and inserted as *New Business Item #6*. With no additional changes, Mayor Staton stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions:

- Council Member Coletta reported the annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2015, and is to be opened by Mayor Staton at 12:00 noon.
- Council Member Farr has agreed to build twenty birdhouses for installation at the Park, as recommended by Naturalist Fred Roane.
- Council Member Chandler reported 6,780 lbs. of paper was shredded on Shred Day, Saturday, May 30, 2015. He thanked Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Member Gooch for volunteering.
- Ricky Bishop, Flat Rock Middle School track coach, has asked to hold a track event at the park September 29, 2015. Council consented, and Council Member Chandler will work with Mr. Bishop to organize the event.
- Mayor Staton mentioned he received a letter from Henderson County Manager Steve Wyatt with regard to the county's continuing fire inspections, but offering the option for the Village to continue billing businesses for the inspections, or having the County bill the businesses directly. The decision was made to have the County bill businesses directly.
- Mayor Staton received a letter from the Henderson County Board of Commissioners offering in the form of an inter-local agreement the services of a sheriff's deputy dedicated for patrol in Flat Rock for 40 hours per week at a rate of \$62.14 per hour, inclusive of all costs and equipment, for an annual cost of \$130,000.00. Council Member Gooch made a motion respectfully to decline the offer, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

With no further discussions, at 9:45 a.m., the meeting was adjourned for a break.

The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m., for a budget workshop.

Vice Mayor Weedman presented a handout showing three versions of a revenue neutral property tax rate resulting from the tax assessor's 2015 property revaluations, each version based on a different assumption. By law, in a year in which property revaluation occurs, municipalities are required to calculate and publish a revenue neutral tax rate. For the Fiscal Year 2015/2016, that tax rate would be 8.21 cents per \$100.00 assessed value.

Council Member Jamerson reviewed and discussed the proposed fiscal year 2015/2016 budget. There were discussions of where to allocate funds of \$33,000.00 for grants in the budget. After discussions of playground construction, Ms. Jamerson made a motion to raise the proposed amount for the playground from \$200,000.00 to \$270,000.00, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The motion failed on a 2 yes and 4 no vote.

The proposed budget is based on a tax rate to 11 cents per \$100 assessed value, an increase from the rate of 8.4 cents for the current year.

A public hearing on the FY 2015/2016 budget was scheduled for June 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall, after which it is anticipated the budget ordinance will be adopted. The legal notice of the public hearing will appear in the newspaper on Monday, June 8, 2015. Council Member Jamerson will finalize the proposed budget before the public hearing.

With no further discussions, at 12:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor