

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE**  
**JULY 8, 2021**  
**9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Weedman presided over the July 8, 2021, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Dethero, Gooch, Gregory, Tiles, and Village Clerk Parker. Village Administrator Christie was not present.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** – None

**Agenda Approval/Changes**

Mayor Weedman reported the June 1, 2021, Agenda Minutes and June 10, 2021, Council Meeting minutes have not been finalized, so he asked that they be removed from the Consent Agenda. With no further changes, Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Consent Agenda** - None

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie

In Village Administrator Christie's absence, the June 2021 zoning report dated July 6, 2021, and the Village Administrator report dated June 2, 2021, (see attached reports) were in the council member packets for their review.

3. Park Update – Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter mentioned the park ranger transition from John Wilkerson to Michael Dages, the village's new park ranger. Will Garvey donated Pawpaw trees which have been planted. The trees that were planted on May 1, Arbor Day are doing well.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch gave the following update:

- Foundation transferred \$34,986 to the Village (final quarter of fiscal year) in support of park projects.

- At the Park Foundation meeting on Tuesday, July 6, the Board voted unanimously for Don Luy and Cathy Veal to join the Foundation Board. Council will take action on these appointments later in the meeting.
- Duncan Fraser and Hilton Swing have fulfilled two consecutive terms; Louaine Leisching finished her first term and will not apply for a second term due to family commitments.
- Foundation Board voted unanimously the slate of officers for 2021-2022 fiscal year: President – Maurean Adams, Treasurer – Bill Hale, Secretary – Jim Olson, and VP – to be named at the next Foundation Board meeting.

Tracey Daniels stated bios for Don Luy and Cathy Veal are included in the council packets.

Village Council welcomed Maurean Adams to the Foundation Board.

5. Transportation Update – Vice Mayor Coletta

- There will be no MPO or Henderson County TAC meeting in July.
- At the June 24 MPO meeting, the Board heard that there is little funding for NCDOT SPOT 6.0 and that more project delays are expected over the next months.
- All required PARTF documentation and funds have been sent to the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.
- The village office received a call about the possibility of putting additional signage on Boyd Drive to alert drivers to the weight limit on the Boyd Drive bridge. Vice Mayor Coletta will follow up with NCDOT on that.

6. Finance and Tax Report – Mayor Weedman & Paul de Chalin

Mayor Weedman reported that for the 2020 tax year, we have collected for all properties except one. A letter was sent certified mail to the homeowner informing him if taxes were not paid, the Village will foreclose on the property.

Mayor Weedman mentioned an increase of \$133,000 in sales tax revenue over what was budgeted in the June 2021 budget report.

The Village has received a second check for \$25,000 from NCDOT for remediation on the Highland Lake Road project. Initially budgeted at \$106,600.00 in the Capital Project budget Mayor Weedman made a motion to amend the Capital Project budget to reflect the increase in revenue, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

7. Grant Update – Mayor Weedman

Myra Grant furnished a Grant Research and Current Status of Dye Creek report (see attached copy).

Mayor Weedman mentioned Myra Grant's contract expired June 30, 2021. He will be investigating whether stream remediation projects will be potentially funded by ARP funds. Mayor Weedman recommended to Council not to pursue any more grants until there is clarification that ARP funds can be used, and Council agreed.

### **New Business**

#### 8. PEG Channel – Bruce MacDonald

Mr. Bruce MacDonald presented a PowerPoint presentation for funding a PEG Channel (Public, Educational, Governmental Access Channel). He will be approaching all municipalities in the County to participate in getting the station started.

#### 9. Grant Ordinance – Mayor Weedman

Mayor Weedman presented draft Ordinance No. 112 – Grant Project Ordinance for the Village of Flat Rock Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (see attached copy)

Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 112, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 227 – Resolution for Accepting American Rescue Plan Act funds, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 10. Foundation Board Member appointments

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the appointment of Don Luy and Cathy Veal to the Foundation Board to replace Duncan Fraser and Hilton Swing, seconded by Council Member Tiles. Council Member Gregory suggested council members need to meet the candidates before appointing to a board, and the need to have a process/procedure in place. After discussions, the vote carried a 4 – yay, 2 – nay vote, and the motion carried.

Council Member Carpenter volunteered to draft a procedure for council members to meet candidates before appointing to committees.

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### **Other Business**

#### 11. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Dethero has contacted the representative with Top Gun to start kudzu spraying as soon as possible. The final phase of the Halfway Tree Mobile Home sewer project started July 6, 2021; the next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2021.

Council Member Tiles gave an update on the following:

**Flat Rock Playhouse** – Council Member Tiles will be meeting with Lisa Bryant today to get an update.

**COVID** – As of June 28, 2021, 51,443 Henderson County residents are fully vaccinated, that is 44% of the population. There have been 10,325 cases of COVID in the county and 165 deaths. The majority of the new cases are the Delta Variant. The Governor’s Executive Order #215 is in effect until July 30 and requires masks to be worn in public transportation, childcare, schools, prisons, and public health settings.

**Census** – No change in the redistricting release date, which remains September 30, 2021.

**Audit** – Need to be aware that ARP funds will require special auditing and will need to check with Carl Shaw, Auditor, to see if he is capable of preparing the audit that will be required. Audit fees will increase and will need to be budgeted appropriately.

Vice Mayor Coletta mentioned she has posted on Village’s website, Facebook, and Instagram about the Town Hall meeting this evening.

Council Member Carpenter has prepared the draft agenda for the Town Hall meeting this evening.

**Public Comments** – Maureen Adams thanked council members for appointing the candidates to the Foundation Board. She offered to arrange for council members to meet the candidates.

Mr. Ron Alsobrook asked if Council has talked about the intending zoning changes for large buildings to be built in Flat Rock. Mayor Weedman mentioned looking at the Land Development Ordinance restrictions.

A representative from Carl Sandburg gave an update, stating Public Health has approved their plan in restarting the park volunteer programs, which began June 29. No official date has been set for the barnyard and pastures to reopen, possibly later this summer. Carl Sandburg has also received approval to restart the amphitheater programs in August. They will work with the county public health department in reopening the house at a later date.

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### **Adjournment**

With no further discussions, Council Member Gooch made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Nick Weedman  
Mayor