

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
VILLAGE HALL – ASSEMBLY ROOM
110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Weedman presided over the September 3, 2024, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Gregory, Jeter, Toner, and Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie. Council Member Stuller was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weedman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the September 12, 2024, council meeting was presented. Under *New Business, Item #7 – Floodplain Ordinance discussion* was added to the agenda. Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Discussions:

Village Administrator Christie mentioned at the end of August, council members informally approved the construction contract for the bridges at the park. She asked that the Council formally approve the contract today. Mayor Weedman made a motion to formally approve the construction contract for the bridges with Enterprise G Inc., seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weedman reported that the 2024 property tax bills were mailed in mid-August, and to date the Village has collected \$234,000. The foreclosure property in Kenmore owned by Zack King was sold to a gentleman from Kingsport, TN. With that sale, the \$130 owed for settlement of the 2023 taxes should be received by the Village soon.

Mayor Weedman reported NCDOT is laying asphalt on N. Highland Lake Road this morning, to be done by end of the week. They will lay a one-inch topcoat from Greenville Highway to the railroad and then stripe. Once that is finished the project is complete within the Village of Flat Rock boundaries.

Council Member Gregory made a motion to appoint Mark Salmanson to the Planning Board for a three-year term ending August 13, 2027, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Gregory reported that the company Shred It has a new contract stating any damage to any equipment is the responsibility of the customer. She has contacted five other companies regarding any interest in holding a Shred Day event but is waiting for a response. The council agreed to hold the Shred Day event on a weekday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Council Member Toner mentioned that with the over \$100,000 money coming from the Park Foundation, and the \$115,174 of ARP funds, there will be enough to cover the cost of the Dye Creek bridges.

Vice Mayor Coletta thanked Mayor Weedman and Council Member Gregory regarding making the decision of color for King Creek culvert on N. Highland Lake Road.

Vice Mayor Coletta mentioned Lake House Academy will be closing as of December 2024. She mentioned the following that are not within our jurisdiction.

- Property at the corner of Greenville Highway and Chadwick, there is a proposal for a senior housing project of 58 units of affordable housing.
- The Enclave, a proposal for five homes off of Greenville Highway on West Park Avenue, has listings on Zillow and other real estate websites with each home listed to build over one million.
- Saluda Grade Trail Conservancy has officially contracted to purchase 31 miles of rail from the North Carolina state line to Zirconia.

Council Member Carpenter reported at the August 22, 2024, Park Commission meeting, the following were discussed:

- The committee plans to review Ordinance No. 91 – Establish the Park at Flat Rock Rules & Regulations, for any changes that need to be made since the ordinance was first established.
- The committee will investigate any online apps to allow for navigation of the park for any visually impaired visitors.
- Visitation in the Park for July was 18,158 vehicles, 586 cars/day. As of August 21, 2024, the visitation increased to 625 cars/day.
- Summer programs in the Park are in full swing.
- Bird watching tour will be held at the Park, September 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Jeter reported that at the Land of Sky Regional Council meeting, Laurel Park reported they have a new Town Manager. The reception will be held today at the Laurel Park Town Hall, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.


Mayor Weedman mentioned there is a new scanner for Laserfiche and the village Laserfiche files will be moving to Laserfiche Cloud this week.


Mayor Weedman recommends Council Member Stuller becoming the new Finance Officer on October 1, 2024. He will discuss this with her.

Village Administrator Christie mentioned Deputy Clerk Carol Richard is working on obtaining training from AT&T with the new phone system.

Council Member Carpenter will not be attending the September council meeting, and Council Member Toner will not be attending the October council meeting.

At 10:13 a.m., Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.


Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk


Nick Weedman
Mayor

