

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ASSEMBLY ROOM – VIA ZOOM**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2020**  
**9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Weedman presided over the October 8, 2020, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Jamerson, Council Members Carpenter, Coletta, Dethero, Gooch and Posey, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie.

**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**

Under *Old Business – Item #7, Council Workshop* was added to the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

1. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:
  - August 31, 2020 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
  - September 10, 2020 – Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Posey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weedman mentioned a Park Workshop meeting will be held following this council meeting, and a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 6:00 pm today for expansion of the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Station #2 adjoining the Village Hall.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie

Administrator Christie reviewed the September 2020 zoning report dated October 1, 2020, and the Village Administrator report dated October 1, 2020 (see attached reports).

Two public hearings were scheduled for the November 12, 2020, council meeting: 1) review the sign ordinance amendments and 2) review the request from Mill House Lodge to change the language in the Motel-Lodging District section of the Land Development Ordinance. Attorney Sharon Alexander will be attending the council meeting.

3. Park Update – Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter gave the following update:

Park Commission met on September 24, 2020. At the meeting, Sally Boyd was elected as Secretary of the Park Commission.

The Park Commission approved two cross-country meet events in the Park, either in November or December with East Henderson High School and Hendersonville High School. Masks and social distancing will be followed.

Tree City USA was briefly discussed and will be further discussed in the following Park Workshop meeting.

Park Commission wants to look at creating a formal policy for user fee waivers.

Arbor in the Pollinator Garden is on hold due to lack of lumber. John Wilkerson added that Will Garvey was able to purchase all the lumber needed. Construction of the arbor will be a slow process, but John hopes it will be completed in 3-4 weeks.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch turned the meeting over to Duncan Fraser. Mr. Fraser mentioned the Pumpkin Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2020. The Foundation met October 5, 2020 and began the discussion of the formation of a long-term planned giving appeal. The monies raised would be used to create an endowment that would be set aside, and the Foundation would utilize the earnings from those funds for current park needs but not use the principal. Mr. Fraser reported the Foundation is ahead of budget on monies received, but behind budget in spending.

5. Transportation Update – Council Member Coletta

- The September Henderson County TAC meeting was cancelled, and the October meeting is scheduled for next week.
- At the MPO meeting, a Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 was adopted. The plan is a document federally required for planning in the region. The Hellbender Regional Trail Plan was also adopted, a regional bike/pedestrian plan throughout the five county area. The MPO voted to grant \$5 million of federal funds to the Ecusta Trail to start construction of the portion from Hendersonville to Horse Shoe.
- NCDOT project dates:  
North Highland Lake Road project has been delayed to begin in April 2021. The cost of the project has increased from an initial estimate of \$2.6 million to \$6.6 million.

6. Tax Report – Mayor Weedman

Mayor Weedman reported that, as of October 7, 2020, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 31.8 percent with \$339,933 total collected (see attached report).

**Old Business**

7. Council Workshop – Council Member Coletta

Council Member Coletta suggested setting a date for a council workshop either later this year or early 2021. Mayor Weedman will research facilitator names and possible off-site locations for availability. No date was officially set.

**New Business**

8. Planning Board Appointment – Council Member Posey

Council Member Posey reported Jane Holland has resigned from the Planning Board. After meetings with Luke Hunter, who had expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board, Council Member Posey made a motion to relocate Luke Hunter from an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment to the Planning Board to complete the unfulfilled term of Jane Holland that expires August 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried by unanimous vote.

9. Park Stream Revitalization – Council Member Carpenter

Will be discussed in the Park Workshop following this council meeting.

**Other Business**

10. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Dethero reported the Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park sewer line system is progressing, but the City of Hendersonville Water & Sewer Department has not currently settled with Dr. Eisenhauer.

Council Member Dethero contacted Ron Davis inquiring about Historic Landmark ordinances. Mr. Davis stated that when an owner of a historic home has completed the Historic Landmarks process, a new ordinance must be prepared. The owners of Saluda Cottages is interested but are purchasing another piece of property and want to obtain easements before proceeding with the historic landmarks process.

In continuing to look at the possibility of moving the Village's bank accounts, Council Member Dethero reported he has been in contact with Bill Antinetti of TD Bank in Charleston, SC, who has requested three months of bank statements of the Village's accounts. Village Clerk Parker has forwarded those statements.

Vice Mayor Jamerson mentioned First Citizens will wait until the end of the year to impose a fee schedule for the Village's accounts. She has also notified someone at TD Bank, but has received no response.

Council Member Coletta gave a public health update stating if anyone is interested in taking part in a mask program, the Henderson County Public Health Department is asking for people's comments about why they wear masks. The number of COVID-19 cases has increased in Henderson County, but 65 deaths has remained the same since mid March.

Don McMahon is in the process of switching everyone's email accounts to Microsoft Exchange.

Council Member Posey reported due to the weather on October 12, 2020, Shred Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Public Comments** – None

### **Adjournment**

With no further discussions, Council Member Gooch made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Nick Weedman  
Mayor