

**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2024**  
**9:30 AM**

**Call to Order**

**Moment of Silent Meditation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments**

**Agenda Approval/Changes**

**Consent Agenda**

1.
  - September 3, 2024 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
  - September 12, 2024 – Council Meeting Minutes

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie
3. Park Update – Council Member Carpenter
4. Foundation Update – Council Member Toner
5. Transportation Update – Vice Mayor Coletta
6. Tax Report – Mayor Weedman

**Old Business**

7. Current Flood Plain Ordinance
8. Parking

**New Business**

9. FEMA

**Other Business**

10. Mayor-Council Reports

**Public Comments**

**Adjournment**

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**VILLAGE HALL – ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Weedman presided over the October 10, 2024, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Gregory, Jeter, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie. Council Member Stuller and Council Member Toner were 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**—Polly Angelakis, Superintendent of Carl Sandburg National Historic Home, reported that after Hurricane Helene the staff and livestock are fine and there were no damages to any of the historic buildings. The dam and bridge sustained major damage. An assessment team from the National Park Service came to assess the damage, and she is currently waiting to hear about the cost of the damages.

**Agenda Approval/Changes**

Under *Old Business - Item #7 – Current Floodplain Ordinance, Item #8 – Parking*, under *New Business – Item #9 – FEMA* were 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.

Mayor Weedman commented that Duke Energy’s website shows 99 residents in the Village of Flat Rock are currently without power.

Council Member Jeter commented that The Board of Elections office in 2022 decided to not hold early voting at other remote locations within Henderson County due to the cost, and ninety-eight percent of the residents voted at the Board of Elections office anyways. In the general election they have decided to have two remote locations in the hard-hit areas.

Mayor Weedman commented that after the storm, the Village obtained a Starlink satellite kit to enable phone and internet services as the regular service was down. Everyone wished Council Member Jeter a happy birthday.

**Consent Agenda**

1. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:
  - September 3, 2024 - Agenda Workshop Minutes
  - September 12, 2024 – Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Jeter moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie

Village Administrator Christie reviewed the September 2024 zoning report dated October 7, 2024, and the Village Administrator report dated October 7, 2024 (see attached reports).

Village Administrator Christie mentioned she has received phone calls about removing trees caused by Hurricane Helene. She stated according to the Tree Preservation Ordinance, residents must get permission from the Village to remove trees over six inches dead or alive along designated public roads seventy-five feet from the edge of the traveled way. On scenic byways it is one hundred feet from the edge of the traveled way, as well as any native vegetation. She asked for Council's permission if a resident had a tree fallen on their property or on their house, from Hurricane Helene to go ahead and remove the tree and not wait for her to assess the situation. By consensus Council agreed.

Village Administrator Christie is asking for Council's approval to waive fees for zoning permits that are related to Hurricane Helene. After discussions, by consensus the Council agreed.

3. Park Update – Council Member Carpenter

Mayor Weedman reported that the Village Council held an emergency meeting on Friday, October 4, 2024, to allow the Village to hire Buchanan & Sons, Inc. to clean up the Park. An Emergency Procurement Policy was passed, and the Village Attorney provided a short form contract, which has been executed by both parties.

Park Director Dages gave an update stating Buchanan & Sons have been working on the park since Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and have made huge progress with various cleanup that was needed.

Council Member Carpenter commented that if the Council needs to do bank and stream restoration of King Creek and the Village receives no help from FEMA, there should be grants available to help.

Council Member Carpenter asked when NCDOT will have Carl Buchanan back working on the Highland Lake Road project again. Vice Mayor Coletta stated NCDOT has no time frame and they are currently making a number of damage assessments from Hurricane Helene.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Toner

In Council Member Toner's absence, Sharon Nunnelee, President of Flat Rock Park Foundation, reported there is a virtual ghost pumpkin sale online until the end of October to make donations. Park Director Dages had an interview with the local radio station WTZQ to talk about the Park and promote the pumpkin sale. The Park Foundation's October meeting was cancelled. Sharon stated the Foundation is in partnership in helping with funding if restoration were needed.

5. Transportation Update – Vice Mayor Coletta

Vice Mayor Coletta gave the following NCDOT update on roads from Hurricane Helene:

- Memminger Creek bridge across Greenville Highway at Pinecrest Presbyterian Church has been severely damaged and needs gravel replenishment to keep cars from being impacted.
- The traffic light on Greenville Highway at N. Highland Lake Road should be flashing yellow instead of going through the stop/go cycle. Mayor Weedman will check with Buchanan & Sons to see if they can get someone from NCDOT to change the light to flashing as soon as possible.
- Erkwod Road is closed to thru traffic in the Mud Creek Church area due to a sinkhole.
- Both the Henderson County TAC and the French Broad River MPO October meetings have been cancelled.

6. Tax Report – Mayor Weedman

Mayor Weedman reported that, as of October 10, 2024, the current fiscal year tax collections are at \$504,864.45 (30.37 percent) total collected (see attached report).

**Old Business**

7. Current Floodplain Ordinance discussion

Kaitland Finkle with Land of Sky Regional Council stated that the Village flood development ordinance requires that anytime there are structures in the regulated 100-year floodplain, they must be inspected for substantial damage. This is different than the damage assessment that the County is working on with fire departments, which is structural building inspection assessments.

Ms. Finkle presented a document showing addresses of residences that are within the floodplain that she and Zoning Administrator Christie will be inspecting. They will be determining percentages of the level of damage for different structure areas of the homes.

8. Parking – Mayor Weedman

Mayor Weedman presented a document, Flat Rock Parking Shortage, for council members to review and will discuss at the next council meeting.

**New Business**

9. FEMA

Village Administrator Christie mentioned she has registered with the State for FEMA money for the Village of Flat Rock. The State is the recipient of FEMA money and whatever FEMA does not cover, the State carries the difference with a 75/25 percentage.

**Other Business**

10. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Gregory mentioned Shred Day will be October 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Coletta attended the September 20<sup>th</sup> dedication of the new Hendersonville Fire Department, Fire Station #1.

Vice Mayor Coletta has been updating the Village website and social media accounts to post information on storm resources from FEMA and the county emergency services.

Council Member Carpenter mentioned Pinecrest Presbyterian Church last week on Tuesday set up a health center, received various supplies for families in need, and served lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., to emergency personnel.

Council Member Carpenter mentioned the funeral for Cam Boyd is Saturday, October 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville.

Council Member Jeter reported at the Land of Sky Regional Council meeting, the speaker was from the Golden Leaf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The General Assembly is funding the Foundation \$49 million, and from that, the Foundation is giving a \$1 million grant to Blue Ridge Community College in order to build a state-of-the-art greenhouse to train workers in that field.

Park Director Dages thanked Deputy Clerk Carol Richard for fielding phone calls while the park is closed. He stated the Park is making progress in cleaning up from the storm and Enterprise G is working on the bridges that sustained damage.

**Public Comments**

David Dethero asked if there was a burning ban in place. Will Sheehan, Fire Chief, Blue Ridge Fire Department stated there is not one in place, but now is not the best time to burn.


Laurian Richards with Children Family Resource Center reported the center has been giving out supplies to families in need. The center recently received funding for safe sleep surfaces, i.e, cribs, pack n plays, and car seats.

Fire Chief Will Sheehan thanked the Village Council for their support. He mentioned during Hurricane Helene, the Blue Ridge Fire Department received 300 calls for service, 75 of those calls were received ten minutes of their response from the storm. Some of the calls involved rescues and they rescued 25 people directly from flowing waters. He commended his staff for going above and beyond their duties. The fire department received support from a fire department in Durham County who helped for two weeks.

**Adjournment**

At 11:08 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

