

**CHIMNEY ROCK VILLAGE**  
**October 15, 2024**  
**Council Meeting Minutes/Notes**

The Meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 4 pm in a temporary meeting site, the Chimney Rock Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located on Boys Camp Road.

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Mayor Peter O'Leary, Mayor Pro Tem April Schick, Council-member Buck Meliski. Absent: Bill Robson and Bruce Godzik was late and was seated just after the consent agenda was passed. Staff Present: Stephen G Duncan, Administration, Patrick Twisdale, Village Legal Counsel, and other Village staff.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: April Schick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Buck Meliski and the motion was passed.

OPENING REMARKS AND REPORTS: The Mayor thanked all the citizens for their attendance and for all the efforts to help in the recovery of the Village. Then a series of reports were provided to the Council and public.

- NC DoT – Construction of the Temporary Road continues. There are two questions that are primary to the Village's next steps. These were briefly discussed but it will take time to get any certain answer. These questions remain:
  - Where is the final location of the River going to be; and
  - Where is the final location of the new highway/road going to be?
- Recovery – Debris continues to be removed and clean up and some protective measures are being taken to protect the Village, property owners and property. This will be an ongoing effort for a long time.
- WNC Main Street – The Mayor announced that all vendors that wished could take part in a WNC Main Street, being established at the Tryon Equestrian Center. This is going to be open and set up to allow merchants to be open and sell their products and inventory through the end of the year and possibly beyond. This begins October 26 Thursday through Sunday.
- Helene Relief Program and Grants – Stephen Duncan shared a series of documents establishing a Relief and Grant program to assist property owners, residents and tenants who lost so much during the historic weather event and flooding from Helene. The required Council approval and a budget amendment to create the program, the banking account and to receive and disburse grant funds.
  - A motion was made by April Schick, seconded by Bruce Godzik, and the program and budget amendments were approved.
- Shield's Debris Removal Contract. The Council needed to approve the official contract with Shields Tree Service and Hydro Seeding for their work to clear and remove debris from the storm, as well as building and other building materials from damaged and destroyed structures. This would be an ongoing contract until such debris is cleared. It is understood that through FEMA these funds will be refunded. A final fiscal year-end budget amendment will be required. Bruce Godzik made a motion to approve the contract and amending the budget to include this new line item. His motion received a second from April Schick and was approved.
- Other reports: There were reports by Laura Duncan regarding the Give, Send, Go fund and the status of the new FACEBOOK page and updated web site. Mike Hager reported on

progress with storm relief from the NC General Assembly and J. Meliski reported on the Water and Sewer work underway. He reported that a small portion of the Water System was active and that it had been tested and the Village was no under a boil notice and the water was immediately useable.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were several comments and questions from the general public. There were no issues or questions that required Council consideration.

**These, the minutes from October 15, 2024, Village Council meeting are approved, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.**

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Mayor Peter O'Leary

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Stephen G Duncan, Clerk to the Council