

## **Village of Cedar Rock**

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### **Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Village of Cedar Rock was held at Cedar Rock Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on October 15, 2024.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bob Floyd called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

**Attendance:** Present were Mayor Bob Floyd, Daniel Odom, Pamela Mayberry, Mike Shows, Ernie McAteer and Josh Anthony; Mike McClinton was unable to attend.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Ernie McAteer made a motion to adopt the agenda; Mike Shows seconded the motion; agenda adopted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike Shows made a motion to approve the minutes; Ernie McAteer seconded the motion; minutes approved. Mike Shows made a motion to approve the minutes of the emergency meeting; Pam Mayberry seconded; minutes approved.

**Committee Reports: Administrative:** Pam Mayberry discussed the current office situation and raised concerns about using an inadequate space. Pam Mayberry stated the Village paid \$100 per month for a small closet sized office. Mayor Bob Floyd thanked Pam Mayberry for making that point and stated the office should not have been moved from the previous office and he would follow up on the matter. Pam Mayberry stated the Firewise annual meeting scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> had been rescheduled to October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. because of the hurricane.

**Finance:** Daniel Odom reported that as of September 30, 2024 the checking account balance for the Village is \$277,380.96 and the total current assets including the 2 CDs is \$677,380.96. Daniel Odom stated that revenues are tracking well, although there are concerns about delays in vehicle tax receipts from Caldwell County. Daniel Odom noted in 2615 there is a \$4,000 increase in audit and accounting fees due to a transition in accounting services. Daniel Odom stated that in 2655, expense items for dues, that the Village was over budget \$7.79 and that the \$100.00 was moved to cover that shortage. and reminded council of the minor budget adjustment made to cover overspending in dues; Daniel Odom also made a recommendation to utilize non-ARP funds for solid waste management needs. He also stated that he had submitted an RPA to FEMA on October 14<sup>th</sup> for reimbursement related to storm expenditures and has expectations to meet FEMA standards however, he expects it take approximately 12 months to receive the funds from FEMA. Daniel Odom also mentioned future financial reports will use a new template.

**Transportation:** Ernie McAteer stated that he and Daniel Odom had been busy looking at trees down due to Hurricane Helene for a couple weeks. Ernie McAteer stated that the Village had contracted with Taylorsville Tree Care. Taylorsville Tree Care bid \$4,200.00 to remove the tree over the Playhouse. Ernie McAteer said currently trees to be removed include Mountain Circle (over a house), Cedar Rock Estate Drive (broken canopy) and there is a tree on Stony Brook (Steve Libera's property) that will require specialized machinery (crane and grapple saw) for removal due to access issues and he is awaiting a cost estimate. Ernie McAteer asked Council if the approved amount of \$10,000 in September for landscaping lights needed to

be put on hold due to the storm. Pam Mayberry and Daniel Odom reiterated that it could take time to be reimbursed by FEMA. Mayor Bob Floyd stated that the landscaping lighting did not need to be put on hold and the Village does have funds available. Ernie McAteer discussed the trees Duke Energy took down when cleaning up Rick and Sandra's house, Duke Energy has left them. Ernie McAteer pointed out that the trees are not in the Village's right of way but are unsightly. Ernie McAteer said he has asked Tyler Sime to move the trees to the side of road to be picked up with other debris from the storm, Mayor Bob Floyd thanked Ernie McAteer, Daniel Odom and Mike Shows as well for spending hours and hours helping clean up and helping neighbors. Mike Shows wanted to really thank Daniel Odom for talking to his neighbor and suggesting avenues for help. **Code Enforcement Report:** Mike Shows nothing to report. Mike Shows stated that code enforcement will be put on hold for six to eight weeks to allow clean up from the storm **Planning Board:** Pam Mayberry nothing to report. **Staff report:** Daniel Odom reviewed the Staff Report. Daniel Odom also reported that the Village had Volkert under contract for a thorough culvert evaluation to give council a scope of work to make sure the Village's culverts are resilient for this sort of storm. Volkert was emergency contracted by DOT to help out west. So Volkert does not have an ETA for the Village. Daniel Odom stated that the Village still needs a damage assessment from Hurricane Helene and a scope of work and cost estimate to see if the Village has anything that's going to be eligible for reimbursement with our culverts from this storm. Daniel Odom sent out a scope of work to Madden & Craig, McGill & Associates, West Consultants, and TGS Engineering. Daniel Odom has received a proposal from West Consultants to do the initial assessment of the culverts looking specifically for damage from Hurricane Helene. They quoted \$9,500 for that assessment, scope of work, and cost estimate. Daniel Odom stated that TGS Engineers is also going to be getting him a proposal this week.

**Old Business** Mayor Bob Floyd asked Council if there were any questions or comments regarding the Amended Caldwell County Animal Care Enforcement Ordinances. Pam Mayberry stated that the amended ordinances were a total revision from the 2022 ordinances. Pam Mayberry made a motion to adopt; Daniel Odom seconded; motion approved.

**New Business:** Mayor Bob Floyd introduced Josh Anthony as the council member to fill the vacancy for Bill Griffin. Josh Anthony has served on the Planning Board. Pam Mayberry made a motion to appoint Josh Anthony; Mike Shows seconded; motion approved. Josh Anthony read oath of office.

Meeting adjourned 12:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Beth Bess, Village Clerk