

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

The Village of Simpson held a Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Hall, 2768 Thompson Street, Simpson, NC.

WELCOME

Mayor Richard Zeck welcomed everyone.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richard Zeck called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer conducted the Roll Call and stated there is a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Zeck, Mayor
Brenda Hawkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dianne Thomas, Councilwoman
Mary Moye, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney
Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins provided prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE 2020 MINUTES

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change to the agenda. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the June 22, 2020 Public Hearing minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried. Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the June 15, 2020 minutes and Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

No comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, shared information on the Covid 19 sites, and how schools are handling start of school. Inquired about getting different internet providers.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out. She mentioned that the area where she lives seems to be forgotten for offended services.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting. She expressed her excitement on the progress of things happening in Simpson.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke:

- on the easement agreement and letter agreement that was approved back in June with EPI Holdings. The Village currently receives rent from another company (US Cellular) for six (6) more years. This new agreement will provide an additional eighteen thousand dollars per year income for the Village.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly:

- on the COVID update, stating that we are at zero reports of any positive tests, hospitalizations, or deaths. There are monies that the county received for Covid to share with municipalities, to use for cleaning products, masks, etc.
- July financials things will balance out in the next couple of months with monies coming in.
- Trash, waste, recyclables guidelines need to be followed by residents to keep the cost down and continuation of the recycling service.
- The handling of debris after a storm and the Governor has issued a State of Emergency there will be a yard waste container ordered, placed behind the building, and then after the storm a contracted gentleman will pick up only limbs on every Simpson Village street for three (3) days.

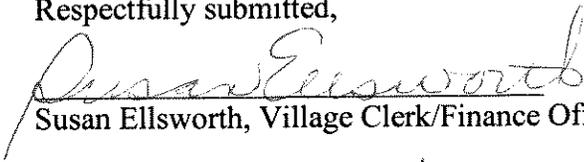
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Community day update, there is concern about the Covid, but if rules are followed by wearing masks, social distancing the Community Day will be meaningful.
- Ballpark usage how it is being used, who is responsible for the team going there. Signs will be in place stating that the ballfield must be reserved by calling the Village office It will required to sign an agreement with rental fee.
- The official map of road conditions in Simpson shows where the most repair is needed. A speaker will be at the next meeting to give more details.
- Census in Pitt County is only at 56%. It is important to make sure people understand the importance of the doing the census. This is where monies come from to support the needs of the village.

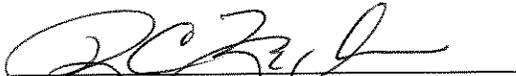
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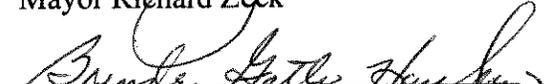
A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

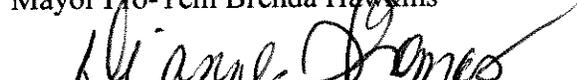
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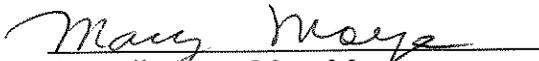

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 9/21/2020
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins


Councilwoman Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Moye

