

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 17, 2018  
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**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk conducted the Roll Call.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk  
Susan Ellsworth, Finance Officer  
Keen Lassiter, Village of Simpson Attorney  
Citizens, Present

**QUORUM PRESENT**

Elaine Martin, Village Clerk stated to the Board a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Richard Zeck provided prayer and pledge.

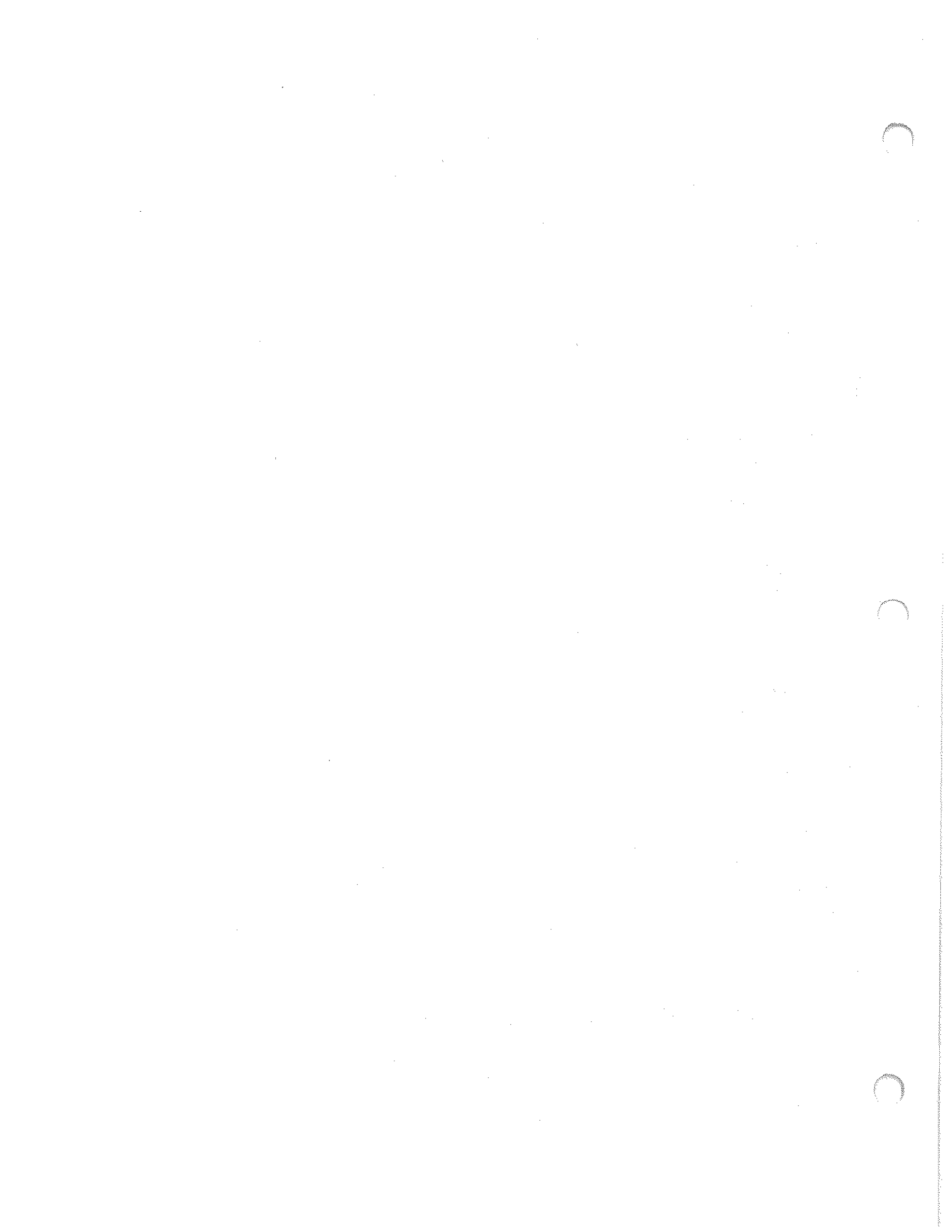
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JULY MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add to the agenda.  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the agenda and  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins made the motion to approve the July minutes and  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.  
Councilwoman Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the August 21, 2018 special meeting minutes and  
Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked if there were any public comments.

- Hugh Mills spoke briefly about there was little damage to Simpson during hurricane Florence. And that the ditches on Mills street didn't flood during the hurricane.
- Carolyn Smith complimented Alexandra Powell on doing a great job for the Village of Simpson.



### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for their preparation for the hurricane. And also she thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanked for bringing everyone safely threw the hurricane. And also thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to continue to come to the meetings.

### **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke briefly about the five properties listed as commended. And the procedures and process before moving forward to get them demolished.

- 2727 Virginia Street
- 748 Simpson Street
- 2625 Gatlin Street
- 2678 Thompson Street
- 2613 Hardee Street

Mayor Richard Zeck also mentioned that he spoke to the fire department about three of the properties, in reference to if they could burn them. And he also spoke with Bob from formerly Pak-R about assisting with any demolish needed.

### **MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the trailer park (parcel 28275) and we to resend another letter pertaining about the cleanup.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about hurricane Florence and how blessed Simpson was to only get a few small trees down with no damage. Dumpsters where put out prior to the hurricane for the citizens to use for debris pick up. Alexander worked hard during the hurricane making sure cones where put out where the street was flooded.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the financial report. The financial report is available just call Susan Ellsworth for a copy. For the first three months there should be a negative balance due to prepaying for stuff. Some of which are our fire contract, workers' compensation and liability insurance.

Susan Ellsworth had nothing to add about the financial report.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the community day and that it had to be postponed due to the hurricane. There were three or four people who don't live in Simpson donated \$100 towards our community day. A lot of business donated gift cards and prizes some are out of town. Any updates will be announced on facebook.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the new residents that have moved into town.

Mayor Zeck introduced Nate Jacob. Nate spoke briefly and told that he bought and moved next door to town hall in the white house on Thompson Street.

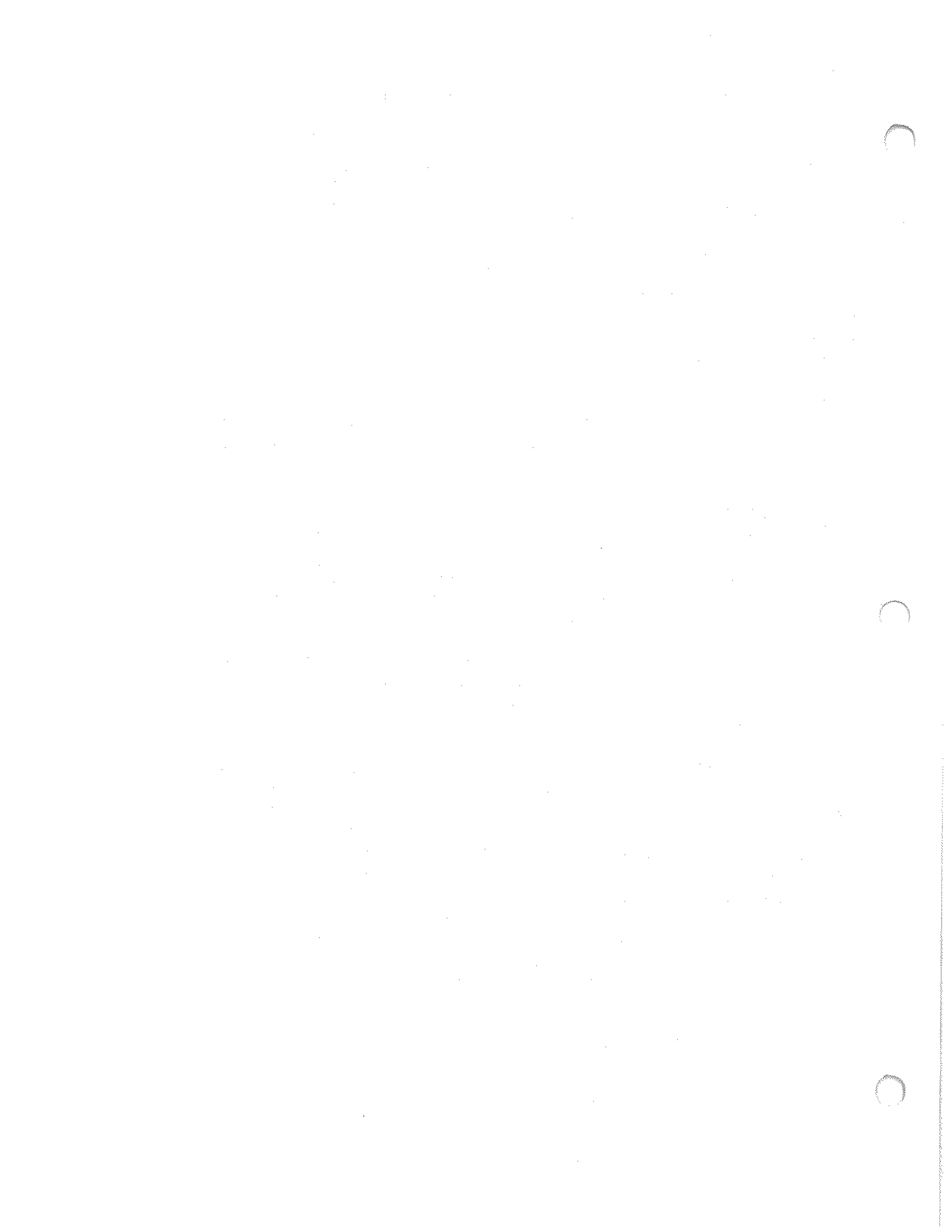
Mayor Zeck introduced Susan Ellsworth who also is a new member to Simpson. She bought and mowed into the second house down from the intersection of Simpson and McDonald Street.

Mayor Zeck also mentioned of two ECU professors who moved on Blackjack Simpson and Millbrook.

Mayor Zeck also mentioned of tree trailers that have become vacant. And we the residents moved out and left their garbage out. And that we have contacted the land owners about this.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about selling the police car to Grifton. And that he had spoken to Brain Silva. And said how appreciative of getting it.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the playground .And that Alexander has already boarded in the equipment and mulch will be place in it soon. And we are also looking into more seating and repaving the basketball court.



Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the condemned houses and that some of the residents had concerns about what would happen if the abandoned homes catch fire that their home might catch fire as well. Mayor Zeck also mentioned about he was looking into maybe getting Habitat for Humanity or someone who builds small homes to come and build.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about our trash pickup and what not to put out for them to pick up. Some items like T.V. may contain hazardous materials. Susan Ellsworth spoke briefly and stated that washers, refrigerators and TV's they will not pick up. They will pick up small pieces of furniture only if they know in advance. Grass clippings need to be in trash bags. Tree limbs need to be 4 feet and put on tarps. Brenda Hawkins asked if we will be getting roll out recycling containers. Mayor Zeck spoke and said we would look into that. Mayor Zeck also mentioned if you have any questions call Susan Ellsworth or Elaine Martin at town hall.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about DOT will be putting a traffic counter at the intersection of Simpson Street and McDonald Street and that there was a bad accident at that intersection on Sept 15, 2018. Due to the hurricane the counter being place there may be delayed.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about an opportunity of getting a sidewalk grant.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about continuing in keeping the ditches clean.

Mayor Zeck spoke briefly about the grant that was supposed to come from Raleigh. Mayor Zeck stated the lady passed away that had our paperwork and Representative Greg Murphy was looking into getting our paperwork moving.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

**ITEMS FOR MOTION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

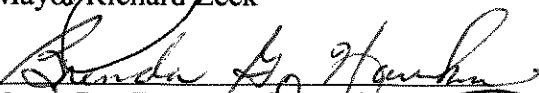
A motion was made by councilwomen Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by councilwomen Mary Moye. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

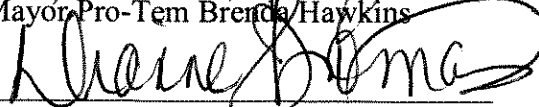
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Elaine Martin, Village Clerk

Approved On 10/15/18  
Date

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
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Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
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Councilwoman Mary Moye



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