

**The Village of Simpson  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2021  
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**

Mayor Richard Zeck provided prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AUGUST MINUTES**

Mayor Richard Zeck asked the council if they had anything to add or change 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 August minutes and Councilwoman Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:**

Hugh Mills stated roads are looking great.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, thank you for the railroad improvements, happy birthday to September and October people. Ron Dail passed away, mentioned that there covid cases in Simpson, schools are having a hard time between students being in and out, teachers are stressed and are resigning, questioning about golf carts and age of the driver.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking Attorney Keen Lassiter for the work he has done on the Wilson Street property.

- Councilwoman Dianne Thomas mentioned that the residents are proud at the improvements that are taking place in Simpson, Vidant Medical Center has changed time for vaccines to 9am to 5pm. Philippi Church is having a 60-minute prayer event on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm to 6:30pm, all are welcome.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Keen Lassiter spoke on

- update on the September 3, 2021 Blakely Default Judgment Motion hearing. Defendants do not show up, the judge ruled in the favor of Simpson on all three of the claims, giving the village permission to demolish all 3 mobile homes.
- The order has been mailed to the defendants, after the passage of the 30 days, the push over and cleanup process can be started.
- A judgement request will be filed once the push over and cleanup is completed for all costs involved it getting this completed.

**MAYOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Speed bumps on Telfaire have been replaced
- Roof damage from heavy winds has been repaired
- Basketball repairs is in process
- Estimation of clean of the Blakely property on Wilson St will be between \$12,000 - \$15000 cost due to very high landfill costs. The village will bill the property owners.
- Lot behind Post office has been sold and homes will be built, adding tax money for the village.
- Blue Creek is working on getting sewer, may set up a fund account to help cover costs for village residents' connection though an application process.
- Community clean up day will be October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Auditor Greg Redmen will be at the October meeting to present final 2020-2021 audit report.


**ADJOURNMENT**

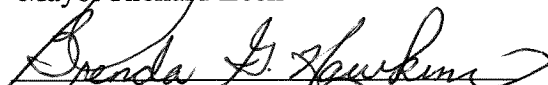
A motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne Thomas to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

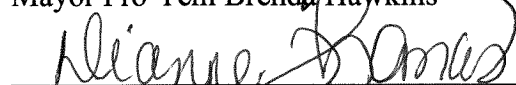
Respectfully submitted,

  
 Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 10/18/21  
 Date

  
 Mayor Richard Zeck

  
 Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hawkins

  
 Councilwoman Dianne Thomas

  
 Councilwoman Mary Moye