

**The Village of Simpson
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023
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, Councilwoman
Dianne Thomas, Mayor Pro-Tem
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 MAY 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES and MAY 2023 Public HEARING 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 Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

Mayor ProTem Dianne Thomas made the motion to approve the May 2023 council minutes and the May 2023 Public Hearing Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL:

Hugh Mills spoke about drainage in Millbrook area – tiles are too high for water flow

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins spoke briefly thanking everyone for attending, mentioned local events and stated there are some tree branches hanging over the roads and a few potholes needing attention.
- Councilwoman Mary Moye spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming out, stated tile on her street needs attention, mentioned Juneteenth events.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas spoke briefly thanking everyone for coming to the meeting, mentioned a program with ECU Health providing children with free meals for the summer.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Keen Lassiter stated that he has prepared letters to property owners in Simpson that have not paid bills for mowing and demolition. They will be mailed Wednesday June 21, 2023

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Richard Zeck spoke briefly

- Tile on Vineyard has been fixed
- Tile on Kent/Mill has collapsed and will be repaired
- The road by the fire department and church community building will be repaved
- Development of new homes on Simpson Street has started. First new homes in the village in 25 years. These homes will help increase Simpson's tax base.
- Simpson is being considered for a North Carolina program that picks a street and fixes up the area.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

FY 2023-2024 Budget

ITEMS FOR MOTION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas to adopt the FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilwoman Mary Moye seconded the motion. All voted "Aye", the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas. All voted "Aye", the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

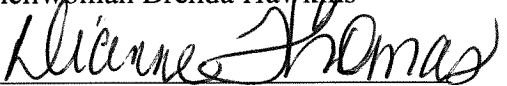
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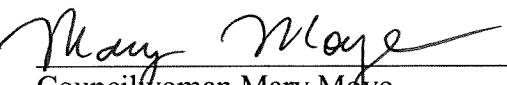

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk/Finance Officer

Approved On 9/18/2023
Date


Mayor Richard Zeck


Councilwoman Brenda Hawkins


Mayor Pro-Tem Dianne Thomas


Councilwoman Mary Meye