BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2025 | Regular Session Meeting | Time: 6:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Black Mountain Town Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the April 14, 2025 Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Doug Hay, Council Member Pam King. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent from the meeting.

The following staff members were present: Jessica Trotman, Assistant Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director; Recreation & Parks Director, Josh Henderson; Project & Facilities Manager Angela Reece.

Mayor Sobol led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, then read the ethics statement. Mayor Sobol then read aloud a statement he wrote regarding the Town's Public Safety building.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Proclaiming "No Mow May" within the Town of Black Mountain. ***Town Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

RESOLUTION PROCLAMING NO MOW MAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
Resolution # R-25-15

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinators and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial

foraging habitat; and,

WHEREAS, "No Mow May" is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain Town Council would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Black Mountain Town Council recognizes **"No Mow May"** to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities. The Town Council also encourages citizens to visit www.beecityusa.org/no-mow-may to learn more.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Black Mountain Town Council directs staff not to issue correction notices for long grass and weed violations for the month of May, permitting all residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June. This would allow pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and forbs to establish, which may result in groundcover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions of 12 inches, as referenced in the Town Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article V, Section 20-203.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, this 14th day of April 2025.

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Resolution of Affirmation by the Town Of Black Mountain to Freedom of Speech as Protected by the United States Constitution and Recommitment to Public Library Services by the Town of Black Mountain and Buncombe County.

Town Council Member Pam King made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.

RESOLUTION AFFIRMATION BY THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AS PROTECTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND RECOMMITMENT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES BY THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN AND BUNCOMBE COUNTY
Resolution # R-25-16

WHEREAS, libraries inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals can explore new ideas; connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, and providing safe and welcoming space for all;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, providing free and equitable access to

books, digital tools, wi-fi, and innovative programming for all ages;

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain has a long history of appreciating the value of public libraries, the first one being established here in 1922;

WHEREAS, the Black Mountain-Tyson Public Library has enjoyed a long and fruitful partnership with the Buncombe County Libraries in its current location, made possible in large part because of the service of local volunteers serving on the Town of Black Mountain Library Board overseeing building maintenance needs, including retired board members Judd Dougherty, Ron Sneed, and Carol Tyson having served a cumulative total of over 100 years;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County through its Department of Library Services maintains the highest professional standards for library management at twelve locations ensuring safe, enriching environments for patrons and meeting all requirements put forth by the State Library of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Black Mountain Library are relentless advocates for quality library services;

WHEREAS, recent changes by the federal government include the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), one outcome being the reduction or elimination of funding for state library services like NC Cardinal, our state library consortium for shared library services; another outcome being the stated intention to influence the nature of materials available in public libraries;

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Black Mountain Library work tirelessly to raise funds necessary to supplement the resources available in the Black Mountain-Tyson Public Library, including periodical subscriptions, large print book purchases, furniture, children's programming, cultural programming, and more;

WHEREAS, the long history of municipal, county, and volunteer partnership has been fruitful, cost efficient, and rewarding for our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Black Mountain in honor of National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025, that the Town reaffirms our commitment to our partnership with Buncombe County in making sure quality library services are available for our area residents and visitors.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina, upon a motion by Council Member Pam King on the 14th day of April 2025.

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A Resolution Of The Town Council Proclaiming That All Are Welcome In Our Community, Regardless Of Sexual Orientation, Gender, Ethnicity, Religion, National Origin, Race, Ability, Socioeconomic Status, Age Or Any Other Characteristic, And That All Individuals Will Be Treated Equally In The Name Of The Law.

Town Council Member Doug Hay made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA PROCLAIMING THAT ALL ARE WELCOME IN OUR COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, ABILITY, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, AGE OR ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTIC, AND THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.
Resolution # R-25-18

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of every individual; and

WHEREAS, our community thrives on its diversity and the rich contributions of residents and visitors from every background; and

WHEREAS, it is the commitment of this Town to ensure that all persons — regardless of sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, race, ability, socioeconomic statuses, age, or any other distinguishing characteristic — are afforded the full protection of the law and the warmth of our community; and

WHEREAS, inclusivity and equality are foundational principles that strengthen our community, promote civic harmony, and reflect the best of our shared values; and

WHEREAS, by enacting this resolution, the Town of Black Mountain publicly reaffirms its dedication to treating every individual with fairness, respect, and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA:

1. **Affirmation of Inclusivity:** That the Town of Black Mountain formally proclaims that all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, race, ability, socioeconomic status, age, or any other distinguishing characteristic, are welcome and valued as integral members of our community.

2. **Equal Treatment Under the Law:** That every individual in our Town shall be treated equally in the eyes of the law and afforded all rights, privileges, and protections without discrimination.

3. **Community Commitment:** That the Town Council will continue to uphold and promote policies and practices that foster inclusivity, respect, and equal opportunity for all residents and visitors.

4. **Public Declaration:** That this resolution serves as a public affirmation of our commitment to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated, and every person is guaranteed dignity, respect, and equal access to community resources.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ENACTED by the Town Council of Black Mountain, North Carolina on this 14th day of April, 2025.

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Resolution Celebrating and Recognizing 2025 Earth and Arbor Day

Town Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.

RESOLUTION FOR EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION WEEK 2025
Resolution # R-25-17

WHEREAS, Earth Day is observed annually to promote awareness of Earth's life-sustaining ecosystem, and the importance of preserving its integrity, through education and wise stewardship; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2025 marks the 55th Earth Day annual celebration, and EARTHDAY.ORG has selected "OUR POWER, OUR PLANET" inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain practices energy conservation measures at Town facilities including LED lighting, waste reduction and recycling initiatives that includes recycling containers placed in parks, facilities and offices; providing recycling pickup services to Town residents, composting at the community garden; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain practices water conservation and sustainability strategies that includes, but aren't limited to, river clean-ups, streambank restoration/live staking, stormwater management areas, rainwater catch basins and organic growing practices at the Community Garden, pollinator garden bed installations, removal of invasive species in parks, and use of biodegradable and eco-friendly chemicals at facilities; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska in 1972 and is an annual day of observance, (observed on April 25, 2025), and individuals are encouraged to plant trees and educate themselves on the vast benefits trees provide; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Stormwater Department hosts several events annually to raise

educational awareness about trees and tree planting by providing free native trees to residents and educational information thus furthering the goals of Tree City USA and the Arbor Day Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Black Mountain Town Council that April 20-27, 2025 be recognized as "**EARTH & ARBOR WEEK"** in Black Mountain and we encourage all citizens, businesses and institutions to celebrate Earth & Arbor Day, and invite citizens of Black Mountain & the Swannanoa Valley to attend the tree giveaway and memorial planting event on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10 a.m. at 304 Black Mountain Ave. in conjunction with Arbor Day.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April 2025.

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3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Allen Greene, 335 Lookout Terrace Ave., spoke on storm debris that has not yet been picked up.

Alice McClary, 88 Mountain View Rd., spoke on the status of River Walk Dog Park following clean-up measures. She spoke about whether a committee could be formed of citizens and town staff to look into the park improvement needs.

Bob Burke, 16 Magnolia Rd., with Operation Blessing, a disaster relief organization, who is in the community to help restore homes following the hurricane, spoke on an individual named Felipe Gonzalez, who was tasked with work with the coalition in this area and was here on a FEMA parole from Canada. Bob stated Felipe has been asked to go back to Canada, along with other FEMA parole grantees, and wanted to make the Council aware of this.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS & AGENCIES

4A. Helene Storm Recovery Update. Assistant Town Manager Jessica Trotman provided the monthly Hurricane Helene Storm Recovery Update to the Town Council. *Presentation included at the end of these minutes as Appendix A.*

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4B. Water System Update. Assistant Town Manager Jessica Trotman provided the Town Council with a short update on the Town's water system and current compliance with state standards. She stated the Town is currently compliant with no violations. *Presentation included at the end of these minutes as Appendix B.*

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

5A. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2025 Joint Meeting with Planning Board, March 1, 2025 Council Retreat, March 6, 2025 Agenda Work Session and March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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5B. Monthly Tax Collector Report. ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the tax collector report as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

CURRENT YEAR TAX -ADVALOREM TAXES		
Billed	$	5,324,247.84
Collected	$	5,191,075.31
Adjustments and Releases	$	4,933.18
Outstanding real and personal property taxes	**$**	**138,105.71**
TAX COLLECTION PERCENTAGE FOR CURRENT TAX YEAR		97.41%

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5C. Call for Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 8, Sections 8.2.2, 8.2.7, 8.2.14, 8.2.15, 8.2.18, and 8.2.29, Phase II Stormwater Ordinance to align the Phase II Stormwater Ordinance with the Town's requirements from the NC Department of Environmental Quality for the Town's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the call for public hearing as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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5D. Call for Public Hearing for Voluntary Annexation of Property Owned by Givens Highland Farms. ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the call for public hearing as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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5E. Call for Public Hearing to Rezone 99999 Frances Avenue and 320 Tabernacle Road from R-1 to OI-6. ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the call for public hearing as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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5F. Cragmont Park Renovation Capital Project Closure. ***Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the Cragmont Park Renovation Capital Project Closure. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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6. PUBLIC HEARING - *None.*

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS - *None.*

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. EPA's Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory Project Update. Assistant Town Manager Jessica Trotman provided an update on the EPA Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory Project.

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. Historic Preservation Commission Member Removal. Since January 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission has met eleven times (two meetings were canceled due to Tropical Storm Helene). Of those eleven meetings, Leigh Vidrine attended two (April and May 2024) and missed all the other meetings, with no notification to staff. The Town's Advisory Board, Commission and Committee Member Handbook states under Section 6: Attendance Policy, *"In order for a board or commission to be effective and efficient, and to accomplish its purpose, its membership must be actively involved and attentive to the business of the body, therefore, the Town Council may dismiss any member who misses three consecutive regular meetings or one-half of the meetings held in a single six-month period without good cause…".* Further, the handbook states *"Members of boards and commissions may be removed from said body for failure to meet attendance requirements."*

Due to these absences and following the Town's advisory board handbook on attendance policies, the commission chair and staff liaison recommend that Ms. Vidrine be removed from the Historic Preservation Commission, and that the remainder of her term be advertised for a replacement. ***With no discussion, Council Member Doug Hay made a motion to remove Leigh Vidrine from the Historic Preservation Commission due to excessive absences from meetings. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.***

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9B. Black Mountain Radio Sailing Club - Permanent Signage at Lake Tomahawk Park. The Black Mountain Radio Sailing Club was established in 2005 and uses Lake Tomahawk to sail the small boats, which always draws curiosity of visitors. Franz Halaschek-Wiener, President of the Sailing Club, spoke to the Council and stated the Club is seeking to install permanent signage at Lake Tomahawk Park near the boating launch pad. The purpose of a permanent sign is to provide information about the radio sailing sport and club, which is an enjoyable hobby for all ages. The proposed sign frame dimensions will be the same as the storybook stations around the lake, 34"x26", and approximately 4 feet high, affixed to a 4"x4" anchored post. The framework consists of pressure-treated lumber, or composite lumber, 2"x4". The sign panel will be 32"x24" and consist of aluminum composite metal or poly metal, and the text will be printed directly on the highly durable panel. The cost will be carried by the club, no financial assistance from the town is requested. The sign will be placed between the observation deck and the tree next to the launchpad, facing towards the walkway. The club will take responsibility for ongoing maintenance, cost and repairs of the station, except for maintenance the Town currently handles.

Council Member Pam King made a motion to approve the signage proposal from the Black Mountain Radio Sailing Club as presented. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.

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9C. Amended Project Ordinance and Budget Amendments for Hurricane Helene. The Town of Black Mountain periodically establishes grant project ordinances for endeavors that involve funding in whole or in part by revenues received from the Federal and/or State Government. The operating or capital expenditure defined within the grant contract may require a time frame greater than one fiscal year to complete. Consequently, the adoption of a grant project ordinance allows the governmental entity to appropriate funds for the life of the project without the governing board having to reallocate funding each fiscal year.

This agenda item is to consider the approval of the amendment of Hurricane Helene Grant Project Ordinance and budget amendment. The Town of Black Mountain is included in FEMA-4827-DR, North Carolina Disaster Declaration. The Following items are recognized within the amended project ordinance and budget amendments.

- Donation received from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for Veteran's Park Repairs in the amount of $67,000.
- Additional Revenues received from NCLM Vehicles and Equipment Insurance Claims equaling $38,732.07.
- Adjustment reallocating budgeted expense accounts.

Council Member Doug Hay made a motion to approve the amended grant project ordinance and budget amendment as presented and recommended. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent.

Town of Black Mountain Hurricane Helene
Amended Grant Project Ordinance
Ordinance No. 0-25-05

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina, that, pursuant to the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control a local government may, in its discretion, authorize and budget for a capital project or a grant project in a project ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 159-13.2. A project ordinance authorizes all appropriations necessary for the completion of the project and neither it nor any part of it need be readopted in any subsequent fiscal year; the following Grant Project Ordinance 0-24-15, originally adopted October 7, 2024, is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

Section 1. Project Defined
The Town of Black Mountain defines a "Grant Project" as a project financed in whole or in part by revenues received from the Federal and/or State Government for operating or capital proposed as defined by the grant contract. The project may include expenditures that span across multiple fiscal years.

Section 2. Project Authorization
The project authorized is Hurricane Helene. Beginning September 25th, 2024, the Town of Black Mountain entered into a State of Emergency within North Carolina. September 28th, 2024 a Federal Major Disaster Declaration for the State of North Carolina due to Tropical Storm Helene was issued. September 30th, 2024 the Town of Black Mountain declared a State of Emergency. FEMA-4827-DR, North Carolina Disaster Declaration as of September 28, 2024, defines the Incident Period as September 25, 2024 and continuing.

Section 3. Funding
This project is to be funded in whole or part by FEMA-4827-DR. FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery has determined that with the President's Emergency Declaration, exigent and emergency circumstances currently exist. FEMA Assistance for this project has been declared for 100% of approved expenditures. For all permanent expenditures related to the storm FEMA has declared 90% reimbursement. The state of NC Emergency Management has declared funding of 10% to cover remaining unreimbursed amounts from FEMA. Funds may be advanced from other Town of Black Mountain fund accounts for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to any applicable grantor agency following the regulations and rules of the grant.

Town of Black Mountain Operating Fund Transfers:

- Initial Funding for this project will need to be provided by a budget amendment from the General Fund Balance. In the case of funding that is not needed due to other funding sources, the Town will transfer unneeded funds transferred from the General Fund back to the general fund.
- The board approved in the January agenda meeting to Transfer funding from the general fund to the Helene Project to cover costs to Veteran Park Fencing in the amount of $121,000.

NCLM is the Town's insurance carrier. The Town has received insurance proceeds totaling $2,243,085.73 to date:

- An advanced payment of $1,500,000 has been received by NCLM to assist in immediate needs while our insurance claims are being completed. This payment will be deducted from the insurance proceeds to be received for flood damage to Town buildings.
- Total Vehicle and Equipment Insurance Claims paid to date from NCLM equal $743,085.73.

Donations

- The Town has received a donation in the amount of$67,000 from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church to assist in the repairs at Veteran's Park

FEMA Funding Received to Date:

- The Town has received a payment of 50% of the emergency expenditures submitted. The total amount received was $860,666.18.

State Funding Has Been Received for the Following Items:

- NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure project Number HEL-0003 provides

funding up to the amount of $3,000,000, repayable at 0% interest. The DEQ Water Infrastructure Emergency Bridge Loan Program established in Session Law 2024-53 Section 4C.7 has been awarded to the Town.

- The Town has also been awarded an additional $200,000 in grant funds for engineering assessment, planning and design work associated with the Water Infrastructure Emergency Bridge Loan.
- NC Department of State Treasurer has awarded a loan in the amount of $705,703.37 to aid with Cashflow due to Hurricane Helene

Section 4. Directives

The officers of the Town of Black Mountain are hereby directed to proceed with the federal and/or state grant project within the terms of the rules and regulations of those grants and the budget contained. The Town Manager is hereby directed to act on behalf of the Town Council in all matters associated with the project within the terms of all contracts, agreements, and legal requirements binding on the project and within limits of the funds appropriated.

Section 5. Revenues

The following anticipated revenues are hereby adopted:

Budgeted Revenues	***Prior Authorized***	***Change***	***Amended Funding***
Transfer In From General Fund	2,321,000.00	0.00	2,321,000.00
Transfer In From Powell Bill Fund	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
Grant Revenue Federal - FEMA Emergency Expenditures	860,666.18	0.00	860,666.18
NCDEQ - Infrastructure Loan	3,000,000.00	0.00	3,000,000.00
NCDEQ - Infrastructure Tech Assist Grant	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
NCDST - Cashflow Loan	705,703.37	0.00	705,703.37
Contributions/Donations	0.00	67,000.00	67,000.00
Insurance Proceeds	2,216,452.40	38,732.07	2,255,184.47
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Section 7. Records and Reporting
The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all the contractual agreements, if applicable

Section 8. Official Copies
Copies of this Capital Project Ordinance shall be furnished to the Town Clerk and shall be held in the Finance Department for the direction in carrying out this project.

Section 9. Project Expiration
This project ordinance expires when the project has been completed and Project Funds have been obligated and expended for all project expenditures by the Town OR by the date set forth within the grant funding contract, if applicable, whichever occurs sooner.

Duly adopted this 14th day of April 2025.

10. **COMMUNICATION FROM TOWN ATTORNEY & TOWN MANAGER.** Town Attorney Craig Justus stated he is continuing to work through, and meet with, the Planning Board to review the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) draft.

11. **COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL** - ***None.***

12. **CLOSED SESSION - N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (A)(3)- ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.** ***Council Member Doug Hay made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(A)(3)- Attorney-Client Privilege. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Ryan Stone was absent. The time was 7:33 p.m.***

13. **ADJOURNMENT.** The Town Council returned to open session at 8:06 p.m. With no other items to be discussed, Mayor Sobol adjourned the meeting.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk