

Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – March 6, 2018

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Members Present:

Wayne Hyatt
Richard Glassen
David Diorio

Others:

John Moore – Council Liaison
Ron Nalley – Town Manager
David Arrowood – Staff Liaison
Linda Ward – Staff Liaison
Jeff Brown – Brown Engineering

Members Absent:

John Chapman
Don Cason

General Meeting Actions

- a. *Call to Order* - Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.
- b. *Consider Approval of the November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes* – Richard Glassen made a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 Minutes as presented. David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

- a. *Greenline Alternative Discussion* – Chairman Hyatt gave a brief summary about the sewer system in Lake Lure and the proposed Greenline project to new member David Diorio. Mr. Jeffrey Brown with Brown Consultants then gave a presentation on the proposed alternatives to the Greenline project as originally requested by the Town Council. Mr. Brown discussed the preferred alternative of installing a low pressure sewer system around the lake. This system was discussed in detail and resolves the issue of infiltration in the sewer system and at a projected lower cost. The Board discussed how to create incentives for connecting new customers and the need to develop a strong public policy regarding expansions and requiring connections. Following additional discussion, Chairman Hyatt made a motion that the UAB recommends to Town Council to pursue an alternative to the Greenline project and bring the sewer plant and collection system of the Town of Lake Lure into compliance. Richard Glassen seconded and motion carried 3-0.

New Business

- a. *Consider Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule* – Chairman Hyatt discussed the possibility of going from a seven member board to a five member board and also the possibility of having the regular monthly meeting schedule changed to bi-monthly or quarterly. Chairman Hyatt mentioned that the Board could hold special meetings if needed between regular meetings. A recommendation will be prepared for the Board to review at the next regular Utilities Advisory Board meeting.
- b. *Open Discussion/Comments* - Russ Pitts, with Point Broadband, presented the Board with an Internet Situation Report update. He discussed the fact that only eighteen residents have made a commitment to use Point Broadband's service, and that they are still in need of twelve more commitments prior to Point Broadband installing the equipment on the water tower. Mr. Glassen made a request for Mr. Pitts to check with Point Broadband to see if they would be willing to refund monies paid for installation if someone were unsatisfied with the results of their connection. Mr. Glassen mentioned that this might be a way of generating more interest with residents. Further discussion ensued about ways to attract more customers and interest from residents. Mr. Pitts also mentioned that Town Council may want to consider having the Zoning and Planning Board come up with cell tower friendly regulations within the Town limits to help attract other internet and cellular providers to the area.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Richard Glassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Diorio seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

ATTEST

Wayne Hyatt, Chair

Ron Nalley, Town Manager