

Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – January 8, 2019

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Members Present:

Wayne Hyatt (Chairman)
Richard Glassen
David Diorio
John Chapman

Others Present:

Linda Ward – Clerk
David Arrowood – Staff Liaison

Members Absent:

Don Cason

General Meeting Actions

Call to Order – Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Consider Approval of the December 2018 Special Meeting Minutes – Richard Glassen made a motion to approve the minutes, David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Old Business

a. Low Pressure Sewer System Update – Chairman Hyatt told the board that the ENR has been submitted to the State with the changes as requested by Council. He also told the board that although the turnaround time for approval from the State is said to be within 60 days, it could take longer. There will not really be any updates until the approval takes place.

New Business

a. Upcoming Equipment Presentation – Richard Glassen updated the board on the next two scheduled presentations concerning equipment for the new low pressure sewer system. Mike Knight with Clearwater Inc. out of Hickory NC, using Hydromatic pump systems, will have a presentation at the regular UAB meeting in February, and Guy Chapman with Tencarva Machinery Co. out of Greenville SC, using Flyght pump systems, will have a presentation at the regular UAB meeting in March.

Richard Glassen also discussed the newly constructed stainless steel treatment plant in Connestee Falls, Brevard NC. Richard contacted them in regards to the board taking a trip to see their system. They had asked that the board provide a few available dates they could travel to their facility so they could set an actual date for this to happen. The board agreed upon February 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28th. Richard will let the board know if a date was confirmed at the next regular meeting.

b. Assign Board Member Appointments for 2019 – After a brief discussion Richard Glassen made a motion to appoint Wayne Hyatt as Chairman, David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 4 – 0. David Diorio then made a motion to appoint Richard Glassen as the co-chair of the Utility Advisory Board. Wayne Hyatt seconded and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Open Comments/ Discussion –

The board discussed the need to have Cape Fear, Inc. present along with Brown Engineering at the meeting following the ENR approval. They also discussed the need to know the type of pump stations and equipment that will be required with the LPS system. Public Works Director David Arrowood mentioned we need to know this so that we may properly inform those that may need to connect to the Town's sewer system before the LPS is in place. He said he would like to help them avoid putting in equipment that would have to be completely replaced when the LPS is installed.

The board also had a brief discussion about using two or three vendors to handle installation and repairs. This would help keep them competitive and also allow the Town to have one available when another may be unable to come as needed.

It was mentioned that there is a workshop scheduled with Rutherford County, Rumbling Bald Resort, NC State, Chimney Rock and Lake Lure Village Resort Representatives to discuss the new LPS system and what will be required.

Chairman Hyatt asked David Diorio to update the board on Internet in our area. David reported that ATT has a federal contract to come in for emergency services to put in an independent cell phone system. He mentioned that Lake Lure does not have near enough cell coverage. Chances are, the Lake Lure area may be able to receive federal grant monies to install a new cell tower. David said that the Town will have to change some ordinances to allow towers inside Town limits, and that Community Development Director Brad Burton has the lead on this.

David also reported that Pangea had a lot to clean up after the snowstorm as they had four or five breaks in their line. He mentioned that they were down for three or four days as Pangea could not make their repairs until Duke Energy had completed their own.

John Chapman mentioned that he would like to see something else go in alongside the sewer line trench. And although it would have to be at a certain distance away from the sewer line, it would be nice to have cable or Pangea lines installed or expanded. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that it could be something to mention to these companies as a possibility.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Richard Glassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45, David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST

Wayne Hyatt, Chairman

Linda Ward, Clerk