

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE, N.C.
DECEMBER 9, 1975

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to the Mayor and four new Commissioners consisting of J. Paul Wilson, Mayor; Claude Nelon, Avery T. Cashion, John E. Temple and William O. Keller, Commissioners.

Mayor Wilson asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting. Upon completion Mayor Wilson asked if there were any comments or corrections. There being none, Commissioner Cashion made a motion they be accepted as read. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelon. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Nesbitt if he had heard from Mr. Tomlin concerning Lake View Drive. Mr. Nesbitt stated he had talked with Mr. Tomlin and gave the Board's views on the matter but to date has not received a reply.

Mr. Nesbitt next reported on the cave-in on the Island. He sent a follow-up letter and has not heard from Mr. Gibson yet. After a short discussion by the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Nelon that Mr. Nesbitt try to reach him by phone and if unsuccessful, send a letter requiring acknowledgement of receipt. Commissioner Cashion seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Wilson asked if there were any new business.

Commissioner Nelon made a motion that all present employees be retained until it is determined that it will be in the best interest of the Town to change or terminate their services. Commissioner Cashion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Nelon suggested that each Board Member be responsible for a particular department to enhance the effectiveness of the Town Board and help relieve some of the Town Clerk's workload. He recommended Commissioner Cashion be in charge of the Water and Sewer Department and be Fire Commissioner; Commissioner Temple be in charge of Parks and Playgrounds and Recreation; Commissioner Keller be Police Commissioner; Commissioner Nelon the Roads and Streets; and Mayor Wilson the Electric Power Facility, Administrative and Garbage Service. After a brief discussion Mayor Wilson asked if everyone accepted their jobs and all agreed. Motion was made by Commissioner Nelon, seconded by Commissioner Keller and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Temple said he appreciated the support of the citizens in the recent election. He said he has had numerous phone calls from citizens and most of them were complaints. He went on to say that the Board is here to serve them and hoped they would come, not only with complaints, but suggestions and try to make Lake Lure the finest place in the world to live. He next suggested we invite the County Commissioners to Lake Lure to hold one of their meetings. This would be a good way for them to get to know us and we to know them. He asked for a showing of hands and the citizens all raised their hands.

Commissioner Nelson said the Community Building would be a good place to hold this meeting.

Mr. Nesbitt reported on the 1965 tax collection. We sent out letters for all delinquent taxes due in 1965 and in two weeks we will file a judgement on any still outstanding.

The next subject for discussion, raised by Mr. Cashion, was to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of having a Fire Dept. in Lake Lure. It was suggested that Phillip Sutton, Martin Goodman, Kate Burch, and Jim Washburn be the committee. A lengthy discussion followed. At it's conclusion motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Temple that the Committee start immediately. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Temple next commented on the Police Dept. He said we are taking our Police Dept. too much for granted. He had personally checked with the police and found they are putting in 600 to 800 hours a month. He asked Chief Swaringen to outline some of his duties. The Chief started by saying we are so far away from everything when we need help it takes 30 minutes and by that time you don't need it. He next stated there have been complaints about our not making enough arrests. In answer to this, he said it takes two hours going wide open to arrest and book a man. During this time it leaves the Town unprotected. The Town gets \$2.00 for every conviction and it costs the Town \$5.00 to \$100.00. He gave the following statistics: there were 41 break-ins in 1974, only 36 in 1975 and we have had a decrease while the national average had an 18% increase. In 1975 we had \$17,153 in property loss due to larceny and so far we've recovered \$3,400. Out of 2,000 houses and boathouses less than 1 out of 54 were broken into. We have really put a lot of work into crime prevention. We went to all houses and put a letter under the door. We checked out 360 engravers. Next he reported that over an eleven month period the two officers averaged 8,189 hours. The average policeman works 1,920 hours over the same period. This means we are averaging 4,349 hours of overtime.

Mr. Ken Calhoun announced the Civic Club Christmas Party will be held on December 19th and it will be presented by the children of the community. The club will be making baskets for the needy and will appreciate donations of canned goods.

Commissioner Nelson put in form of a motion that Mr. Charles Hicks be appointed as the new Program Director of the Lake Lure Junior Police. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cashion.

Mayor Wilson advised the Board that they needed to appoint a Mayor Protem. It was decided by the Board that Claude Nelson, receiving the highest number of votes, be appointed. Motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cashion, that it be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

Katie Burch wanted to know if the first road to the right off Boys Camp Road was called Cut Away Road. This information is needed before numbering the streets in this area. After a short discussion, Commissioner Cashion made a motion to name the first road to the right off Boys Camp Road Cut Away Road and the road to the right off Cut Away Road be named North Shore Drive, and the road to the left off Cut Away Road be named Fire Ridge Road. It was seconded by

Commissioner Temple. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowder asked if the regular Town Meetings could be held at the Community Center. He also suggested that the Town put in a couple of tennis courts and a town garage. Mayor Wilson responded by saying he and Commissioner Temple investigated Federal Funds for recreational purposes and a town maintenance/storage facility is in the planning stages.

Motion was made by Commissioner Temple to contact the State for permission to place a Lake Lure-Chimney Rock sign at the detour to Tryon. Commissioner Cashion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.


Commissioner Temple made a motion to hold the next regular town meeting in the Community Building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cashion and the vote was unanimous.

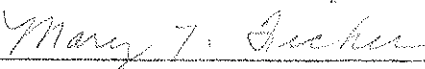
A suggestion was made by Commissioner Keller that the Town buy a Pontoon boat to show off the lake. Mayor Wilson asked our Recreation Commissioner John Temple to check with the insurance company to see what our liability would be.

Commissioner Cashion stated that this was the third time he had made a motion that something be done about the first tee and the third green on the golf course. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Ken Calhoun announced that the Hickory Nut Gorge Civic Club won two nice awards, two plaques and two checks of \$50.00 each for the beautification of the Lake Lure-Chimney Rock area.

There being no further business Commissioner Nelson made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cashion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.


Mayor


Clerk

Town of Lake Lure

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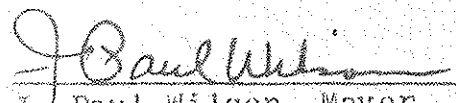
OATH OF POLICE OFFICER

"I, S.R. Swaringen DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; SO HELP ME GOD.

I, S.R. Swaringen DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL BE FAITHFUL AND BEAR TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO THE CONSTITUTION POWERS AND AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF; AND THAT I WILL ENDEAVOR TO SUPPORT, MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THE SAID CONSTITUTION OF SAID STATE, NOT INCONSISTANT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, SO HELP ME GOD. I WILL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY, CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, SO HELP ME GOD.


S.R. Swaringen

S.R. Swaringen is hereby appointed to the Lake Lure Police Department as Chief of Police with authority to enforce all State Laws and all Ordinances for the Town of Lake Lure, North Carolina inside said Town Limits.


J. Paul Wilson, Mayor
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OATH OF POLICE OFFICER

"I Clarence Willard Simmons DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES: THAT I WILL BE FAITHFUL AND BEAR TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS AND AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF; THAT I WILL ENDEAVOR TO SUPPORT, MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF SAID STATE, NOT INCONSISTANT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; AND THAT I WILL WELL AND TRULY EXECUTE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY, ACCORDING TO THE LAW; SO HELP ME GOD."

Clarence Willard Simmons
Clarence Willard Simmons

Clarence Willard Simmons is hereby appointed to the Lake Lure Police Dept as Patrolman, with authority to enforce all State Laws and all Ordinances for The Town of Lake Lure inside said Town Limits.

J. Paul Wilson
J. Paul Wilson, Mayor
Town of Lake Lure

S. R. Swearingen
S. R. Swearingen, Chief
Lake Lure Police Dept.

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OATH OF OFFICE

"I, J. Paul Wilson
do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the
Constitution and Laws of the United States, and the
Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not inconsistent
therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
of my office as Mayor, so help me God."

J. Paul Wilson

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"I, Claude R. Nelon,

do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain
the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and
the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not in-
consistent therewith, and that I will faithfully
discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner,
so help me God.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claude R. Nelon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed text of the oath.

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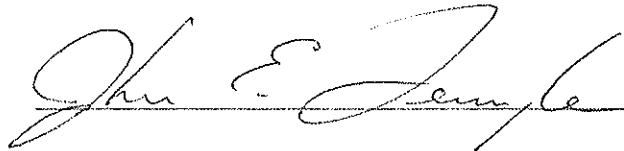
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"I, John E. Temple,

do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain
the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and
the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not in-
consistent therewith, and that I will faithfully
discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner,
so help me God."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Temple", written over a horizontal line.

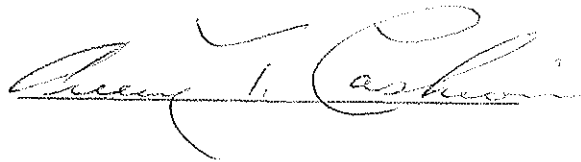
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"I, Avery T. Cashion,
do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain
the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and
the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not in-
consistent therewith, and that I will faithfully
discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner,
so help me God."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Avery T. Cashion", written over a horizontal line.

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"I, William Oliver Keller,
do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain
the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and
the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina not in-
consistent therewith, and that I will faithfully
discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner,
so help me God."

William Oliver Keller