

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE, N.C.
July 13, 1976

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Lake Lure was held in the Community Building on July 13, 1976 at 7:30 pm. The following Commissioners were present: Claude R. Nelon, A.T. Cashion, Jr., John E. Temple and William Keller. Mr. Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr., Town Attorney was also present.

Commissioner Nelon called the meeting to order and reported that Mayor Wilson has requested to be excused by the Board and that his request had been granted. He outlined the ground rules under which the meeting would be conducted and asked that the minutes of a regular meeting held on June 8, 1976 be read. At the conclusion he asked if there were any comments. Mr. Nesbitt, Town Attorney, said that the sentence reading "it included a contribution of \$1,500.00 for the Hickory Nut Gorge Volunteer Fire Department" should read "it included \$1,500.00 to contract with the Hickory Nut Gorge Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services". Motion made by Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Commissioner Keller that the minutes be accepted with the change as read. The vote was unanimous.

Under old business, Commissioner Nelon reported that a light for the flag pole at the Community Building was installed on July 3, 1976.

Commissioner Keller reported that Mr. Roth was pleased with the actions taken to reduce the noise and heckling near the Lake Lure Lodge.

Commissioner Nelon reviewed the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on June 23, 1976, to adopt budget amendments for fiscal year 1975-1976, to release a list of 1975 taxes and to contract for garbage service for fiscal year 1976-1977 (Copy of minutes and bid attached).

Mrs Ficker, Budget Officer, read the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on June 29, 1976, to adopt a Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 1976-1977 and to adopt an ordinance reflecting new water rates effective July 1, 1976 (copies attached).

Mr. Nesbitt reported that he had written a letter to Mr. John Gibson requesting evidence of action to resolve a road slide on the Island and to Mr. A.D. Smathers for evidence of action to move his boathouse from encroachment to the front of another land owners property. He also sent a letter to Raleigh on forming a corporation for the fire department and a letter to Camp Pinewood requesting them to purchase the proper permits to operate their boats on Lake Lure. Mr. Nesbitt stated he had spent two hours researching the lost boundry of the Town of Lake Lure and as yet had not finished the research.

Under new business, Commissioner Nelon read a "memorandum for record" reflecting the loss of Town funds from the Golf Shop on Sunday, June 27, 1976, and actions taken by the Board to reduce or eliminate future losses at this location (copy attached).

The Board discussed a letter from the Wildlife Commission, authorizing Camp Chimney Rock to hold a Ski, Canoe and Sailing Show on Lake Lure, July 15th & 16th and August 12th & 13th 1976. Commissioner Nelon entered a motion,

seconded by Commissioner Cashion to grant permission to Camp Chimney Rock to use the lake on the aforementioned dates.

Commissioner Nelson reported a grant of \$3,300 from the North Carolina Department of Natural & Economic Resources, with the Town being required to provide \$2,200 matching funds, to "assist our Community with the expansion of its planning and management capabilities". Commissioner Cashion made a motion that the grant be accepted and that the Town provide the \$2,200 matching funds, seconded by Commissioner Temple. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Nelson said that the North Carolina Department of Transportation had \$375,000 in Federal Aid Funds to award to municipalities under 5,000 population for improvement to municipal maintained streets, with the participants providing 30 percent matching funds. He further stated that Mr. AlNeil and Harold Stallcup, from the Department of Transportation, had been very cooperative in helping analyze our needs and providing cost data for submitting a request for Federal funds.

Letting the lake down 16 feet to permit repair of the gates at the Dam and other needed work was discussed. Commissioner Cashion made a motion that Mayor Wilson be tasked with the job of contracting the required persons and establishing a time table for letting the water down and accomplishing the work, reporting the schedule to the Board at the regular August 1976 meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Keller. The vote was unanimous.

The Board established the last Friday of each month, starting July 1976, as the hard trash pickup by the Town crew. For pickup the trash must be placed in an accessible area near place of residence or business.

The merits of joining the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission were discussed, the cost being 20 cents per capita based on the latest census. Commissioner Nelson made a motion that the Town join, seconded by Commissioner Keller. The vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cashion reported that the Lake Lure Volunteer Fire Department were progressing on schedule. He also reviewed planned improvements to the water system and the increase in water rates required to pay for the labor and materials involved in the project.

Commissioner Temple presented a letter of resignation to the Town Board which stated that his reasons for resigning were personal and requesting that his resignation be effective July 13, 1976. He verbally reviewed a list of accomplishments and said that he would continue to work for the betterment of the community as a private citizen, with special interest in recreation. The Board, with best wishes, subsequently accepted his resignation effective July 13, 1976 (copy resignation letter attached).

Commissioner Keller gave the Police report for the Month of June: The two officers patrolled 3,768 miles, patrolled 30 hours on the lake, answered 76 calls, spent 16 hours attending Radar School, worked 773 hours, investigated 3 accidents, one breaking and entering with a loss of \$10.00, four larcenies with a loss of \$506.00. They recovered \$500.00 in merchandise and in the month of June there were 16 arrests. He informed the citizens that the Radar will be in operation henceforth, so drive accordingly.


The merits of using a Long Distance Telephone Log at the Town Office and Golf Course were discussed. Commissioner Cashion made a motion that a log reflecting the date, time, person making call and party called with location and phone number, be placed into effect immediately, seconded by Commissioner Keller. The vote was unanimous.


Mr. Joe Bell stated that he has three comments:

- (1) That the Town Budget was printed in the Hendersonville paper and had not appeared in the Rutherford County paper.
- (2) That on several occasions he had requested the Board to budget for a third policeman and that he understood that the budget only covered a part-time policeman.
- (3) That he felt that partisan political literature should not be permitted in the Town Office or posted on Town property. Commissioner Nelson said that the placement of the proposed budget in the Hendersonville paper did meet the basic requirements of the General Statutes but that a request for publishing in the Rutherford County paper had been submitted. He further stated that there presently was no partisan political literature in the Town Office and after considerable discussion, requested the Town Attorney to workup a resolution dealing with the subject. Commissioner Keller reviewed the costs for hiring and equipping a third policeman. He said that due to the expenses involved and the seasonal requirements a third policeman on weekends and holidays, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, appeared to provide the most feasible solution. He also pointed out the support available from other law enforcement sources.

Mrs. Louise Bartruff stated that she represented 150 tax payers who were unhappy with the budget. Commissioner Nelson requested the Town Clerk record the statement and list of the complaints for the minutes. The two complaints presented concerned a private water system that would probably not provide sufficient water if all land owners in the private development built homes and hooked into the system, and on how to figure Town taxes using the new mil rate. Commissioner Cashion said that the Town did not presently have the funds to purchase and update the private water system to EPA standards. Commissioner Nelson said that the newly adopted mil rate was \$0.55 per \$100.00 property valuation, that the County established the property value, and that once the property owners knew their property valuations they could easily figure both the County and Town taxes, using the County mil rate of \$0.66 and the Town mil rate of \$0.55 per \$100 valuation.

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Cashion that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.


Mary T. Ficker, Clerk


Claude R. Nelson, Mayor Protem