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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1993 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE  
LAKE LURE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Priscilla Doyle  
Commissioner Bill Bush  
Commissioner Jack Donovan  
Commissioner Alex Karr

Thomas M. Hord, Town Manager  
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Max Lehner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Tom Hord gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Karr, to approve the minutes as presented of the March 23, 1993 regular Council meeting, March 30, 1993 recessed Council meeting, and the April 13, 1993 regular Council workshop. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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### **RECOGNITION TO LOCAL VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING THE "BLIZZARD OF 1993"**

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to allocate \$6,500 from the emergency fund to handle problems from the blizzard to be used as a supplement to give Lake Lure, Chimney Rock, Fairfield, and Bill's Creek Volunteer Fire Departments \$1,500 each for their support efforts during the blizzard, and to give Hickory Nut Gorge \$500 EMS. The vote of approval was unanimous. Therefore, Mayor Doyle presented a plaque of appreciation along with a check for \$1,500 to the fire departments and \$500 to the Hickory Nut Gorge EMS.

Accepting for Lake Lure Volunteer Fire Department were Assistant Chief Ed Griffin and Captain Charles Hayes. Fire Chief Gary Wilson accepted for Fairfield Mountain's Volunteer Fire Department, and introduced members in attendance of his department which were Assistant Chief Ben McDaniel, Dick Lorenzen, Stan Young, Truman Cobb, Hugo Moirano, and Dick Neher. Assistant Fire Chief Ronnie Wood accepted for Chimney Rock Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Jim Howell accepted for Bill's Creek Volunteer Fire Department and introduced Captain Randy Vess. Chief David Toney accepted for the Hickory Nut Gorge EMS and introduced members in attendance of his service which were Assistant Chief Robert Dempsey, Stephen O'Dell, Joyce Toney, Kristi Gouton, Andy Toney, Randy Vess, and Gary Wilson.

Mayor Doyle also thanked the staff of the Police Department, Golf Course, Hydro-Plant, Maintenance, and Town Hall.

### **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

No persons signed up to speak under audience of citizens. However, Phyllis Maze announced an appreciation picnic in honor of Lake Lure Town employees and the volunteers who serve the Town for an outstanding job in responding to community needs during and after the recent blizzard. The picnic will be held on Saturday, May 15, 1993 at the Lake Lure Community Center from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Town will supply hamburgers, hotdogs,

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and soft drinks. Residents are requested to bring a covered dish. Town employees and volunteers are only requested to be present. All persons are asked to bring a chair or blanket for seating. The rain date will be Sunday, May 16, 1993.

Anita Thomas, resident of Lake Lure, expressed concern about storm debris remaining on Town rights-of-way. Mr. Hord explained that the removal process is very time consuming and is expected to take months.

<p><b>DISCUSSION AND ACTION RELATIVE TO USE OF TOWN SIGN PERMITS FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS</b></p>
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At the April 13, 1993 workshop meeting, Council voted not to renew state permits on three Town owned kiosk signs, which are not permitted in the Lake Lure Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning and Planning Board is in the process of looking at the possibility of refining the ordinance in regard to directional signs and will continue to discuss this topic over the next few months.

Commissioner Donovan moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, that the action taken at the April 13, 1993 meeting of Town Council which denied the renewal of the three state permits for outdoor advertising signs in the name of Town of Lake Lure be rescinded, and that the Town Manager be directed to renew the permits for the signs with M.P. Numbers 000767 and 000738. Said two sign permits, when renewed, shall only be used to provide appropriate directional signs as approved by Town Council and in conformity with existing state regulations. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN APPLICATION FEE FOR CASES  
THAT MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE LAKE STRUCTURE  
APPEALS BOARD**

The Lake Structures Appeals Board believes there is a need for an application fee for cases before the Board. Many costs are associated with hearing Lake Structures Appeals. Among these are the costs of duplicating and distributing the application and associated documents to individual Board members, newspaper publication of the notice of the meeting, first class mailed notification to adjacent property owners, tapes to record the meeting, and staff time to process the application and attend the meeting. Zoning staff estimates that a fee of \$75 per application would cover the average costs associated with hearing an application.

At present the Town charges a \$35 permit fee for the Lake Structure Permit itself. The Lake Structure Appeals Board requests an additional fee be instituted for those who wish to go before the Board to request a variance from the regulations or to appeal the Zoning Administrator's decision. The Board feels that this would cut down on all but the most serious applications to the Board and would reimburse the Town for the costs associated with those applications the Board hears.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Karr, to set a fee of \$75 per application to go before the Lake Structure Appeal's Board in addition to the \$35 permit fee. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN APPLICATION FEE  
FOR CASES THAT MUST BE PRESENTED  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Lake Lure Board of Adjustment believes there is a need for an application fee for cases before the Board. Many costs are associated with hearing Board of Adjustment cases. Among these are the costs of duplicating

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and distributing the application and associated documents to individual Board members, newspaper publication of the notice of the meeting, first class mailed notification to adjacent property owners, tapes to record the meeting, and staff time to process the application and attend the meeting. Zoning staff estimates that a fee of \$75 per application would cover the average costs associated with hearing an application.

At present the Town charges a \$35 permit fee for the zoning compliance permit. The Board of Adjustment requests an additional fee be instituted for those who wish to go before the Board to request a variance from the Zoning Ordinance, to apply for a conditional use, or to appeal the Zoning Administrator's decision. The Board feels that this proposed fee would cut out all but the most serious applications to the Board and would reimburse the Town for the costs associated with those applications the Board hears.

Commissioner Karr moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to set a fee of \$75 per application to go before the Lake Lure Board of Adjustment in addition to the \$35 permit fee. The vote of approval was unanimous.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE COMMITTEE**

In March of 1992 the Lake Advisory Committee was created and eight members were appointed. Four members were appointed for two-year terms and four for one-year terms so that terms would be staggered. The terms of those who were appointed for one year have now expired. Therefore the following terms are up for two-year appointments: Dick Beeson, Mary Ann Dotson, Jack Powell, and Alva Pryce.

Commissioner Karr moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to reappoint Dick Beeson, Mary Ann Dotson, Jack Powell, and Alva Pryce to the Lake Advisory Committee. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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### TAX RELEASES

Betty Hinson, Tax Collector, furnished Council with a list of tax releases and tax refunds for their consideration. Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to approve the following tax releases and refunds. The vote of approval was unanimous.

#### Tax Releases

James Leonard Curry III	Out of Town	\$ 16.24
James and Dorothy Curry	Out of Town	\$ 11.18
Herman Grey	Out of Town	\$ 3.08
James E. Levy	Out of Town	\$ 44.80
Mark Roddy	Out of Town (Per Prop.)	\$ 21.96
Vista NC LDT	Out of Town	<u>\$472.08</u>
		\$569.34

#### Tax Refunds

Bertha Dalton	Out of Town	\$ 15.40 (1988)
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William R. Paldino	Reduction of Assessment by County	<u>\$ 33.60</u>
		\$ 79.80

Total Refunds: \$ 79.80

Total Release: \$569.34

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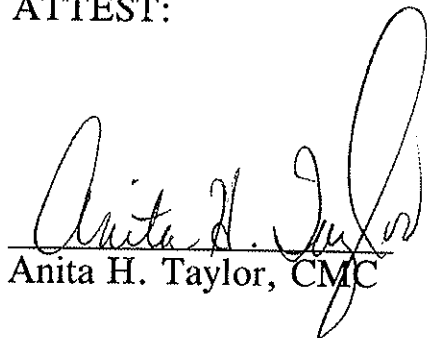
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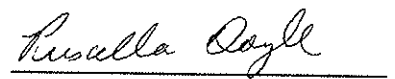
Andy Lovingood and Keith Webb, Associates of McGill and Associates, presented a preliminary progress summary report of the ongoing work of evaluating and field inspecting the existing sanitary sewer system including service lines, manholes, the main trunk sewer system, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As of April, 1993 many sources of inflow/infiltration have been identified, the sewer system has been located for the purpose of mapping, the vast majority of sewer laterals has been inspected, and 22 manholes have been rehabilitated. All of these efforts have significantly reduced direct inflow into the sewer system.

Mr. Hord reported that the assessment of damages from the blizzard is an ongoing staff activity. Debris removal is slow, but is in process. Mr. Hord also suggested that emergency planning needs to be coordinated with the County Emergency Coordinator.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Donovan moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to adjourn. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Anita H. Taylor, CMC

  
Mayor Priscilla Doyle