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# Town of Lake Lure

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1997, 7:30 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

**PRESENT:** Mayor Max E. Lehner  
Commissioner Bill Bush  
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb  
Commissioner Beth Rose  
Commissioner Bud Schichtel

J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney  
John R. Strutner, Town Manager  
Sam Karr, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** N/A

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Town Attorney Callahan gave the invocation.

### AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

The following requested to speak under audience of citizens:

1. Mr. Paul Nealon, representing the Fairfield Mountain's Property Owners Association, requested that the Town Council consider a differential tax rate for property owners in Lake Lure residing in privately-owned communities who are responsible for their own security operations, roads' maintenance, etc. He also recommended that the Town assume all financial costs associated with the purchase and installation of street signs on all roads, public and private.

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2. Mr. Riley Hardy, Lake Lure resident, reported on the organization of a youth's soccer league. He pointed out that financial help was needed as well as individuals who will volunteer to serve as coaches and referees.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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Mayor Lehner presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed before calling for action. There being no requests for removal, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to approve the consent agenda and each item presented. Therefore, the consent agenda, incorporating the following item(s) was unanimously approved:

- a. **Approved Minutes of June 24, 1997 (Regular Meeting).**
- b. **Approved Fire Department Contracts (Fairfield Mtns. VFD, Bill's Creek VFD, & Chimney Rock VFD) as presented by Ron Morgan, Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator. (Copies of Fire Dept. contracts attached).**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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<b>a. Other Old Business</b>
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There was no other old business for discussion.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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| <b>a. Presentation of Awards on Behalf of the Region C.<br/>Criminal Justice Advisory Committee in Recognition of<br/>Outstanding Crime Reduction in the Community</b> |
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Police Chief Jake Gamble recognized the outstanding performance of Mr. Bernard Brengard, Sergeants Scott Harris and Greg Johnson, and Corporal Robert Wise in the apprehension of three individuals following the robbery and assault on Thelma Phillips, owner of Thelma's Mountain Store. Mr. Brengard, a resident of Asheville, who also has property on Snug Harbor Drive, significantly assisted the officers in the arrest of the suspects following the robbery on July 21, 1996. Each of these four individuals were awarded a citation by Chief Gamble in recognition of their superior efforts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**b. Adopt Revised Town Water/Sewer Rate Schedule**

Dennie Martin, McGill Associates, reviewed the proposed revisions to the water/sewer rate schedules necessary to meet current and projected operating and capital expenditures in these two accounts.

After discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to approve the Table D1 revised Town of Lake Lure water/sewer rate schedule as recommended by Mr. Martin which would at the assumed rate increase new revenue of 32.00% for the fiscal year 1997-98. (Table D1 water/sewer rate schedule attached). The vote of approval was unanimous.

Councilmembers also voted by consensus to urge the next Town Council to conduct rigorous review of the water/sewer rates as part of the 1997-98 budget preparation cycle.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**c. Adopt Plan of Action Regarding Town Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Danny B. Bridges, McGill Associates, presented Town Council with the following proposed plan of action for the Town of Lake Lure wastewater treatment facility for adoption:

**PLAN OF ACTION  
TOWN OF LAKE LURE  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a baseline of data for the evaluation of the wastewater stream strength and characteristics. This evaluation would determine the best treatment process for the Town of Lake Lure's facility in light of changing influent characteristics. These changes have resulted from an ongoing inflow/infiltration (I/I) correction program which has significantly decreased the amount of I/I entering the system. The result of this decreased I/I is an increase in the strength of the wastewater stream due to less dilution of the wastewater flow.

**CURRENT PROCESS:** The treatment facility currently functions as a non biological process. The previous levels of BOD and TSS were of such low levels in the influent that the better process was to remove the solids from the wastewater stream by precipitating them out. Therefore, aluminum sulfate is added at a flash mix chamber and then routed through a flocculation basin. The wastewater is then allowed to flow through a sedimentation basin where

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the solids are allowed to settle out in the basin. These solids are periodically removed from the sedimentation basin and pumped into a solids holding tank on site.

**ISSUES:** The Town of Lake Lure anticipates that the wastewater strength will begin to show increases in BOD, TSS, nutrients and trace elements over the next several months and years. As these increases occur, the facility will become more difficult to operate as a non biological process. Increases in wastewater strength will result in the formation of biological processes within the facility and could result in significant difficulty in meeting effluent limits established for the plant. Therefore, the Town is proposing a Plan of Action to accumulate baseline data for evaluation of an appropriate treatment process that can adequately treat the changing wastewater stream coming into the Town's facility.

### **PLAN OF ACTION: TESTING PROGRAM**

1. Begin an eighteen (18) month influent testing program (January 1997 - June 1998).
2. Parameters to be tested would include BOD, TSS, ammonia nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, zinc, chrome, lead, mercury, alkalinity and pH.
3. Parameters such as BOD, TSS, ammonia nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, alkalinity and pH would be tested monthly by grab samples. Parameters such as calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, zinc, chrome, lead and mercury would be tested quarterly by grab samples. All parameters would be tested by composite sampling during one "average" flow week day and one "average" flow weekend day at least twice during the testing period. These composite samples should allow for one sample event during a summer month and one sample event during a winter month.
4. Additionally, for the months of March, June, September, and December weekly grab samples would be taken from the influent to evaluate variations in the wastewater stream on a weekly basis.
5. Testing results would be plotted graphically to evaluate trends and tendencies.
6. Results would be used in a Preliminary Engineering Report to be initiated after the completion of the sampling period.
7. Quarterly reports of the testing results would be provided to Asheville Regional Office for Division of Water Quality (DWQ).

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8. At the completion of the testing, a summary report of all data collected would be provided including the graphical analysis, to DWQ.

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 1997.

ATTEST:

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Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE  
Town Clerk

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Max E. Lehner, Mayor

After review, Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to adopt the proposed Town of Lake Lure plan of action for wastewater treatment facility as presented by Mr. Danny Bridges, McGill Associates, Inc. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**d. Adopt Resolution to Designate Official ABC Respondent for the Town of Lake Lure**

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to adopt the following Resolution No: 97-07-22 appointing Commissioner Shichtel to continue as the Official Lake Lure ABC respondent to the State for the Town of Lake Lure. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO: 97-07-22**

Resolution of the Town of Lake Lure, County of Rutherford, regarding designation of an official to make recommendations to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on ABC permit applications.

**WHEREAS** G.S. 18B-904(f) authorizes a governing body to designate an official, by name or by position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of persons or locations for ABC permits; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lake Lure, County of Rutherford, wishes to notify the North Carolina ABC Commission of its designation as required by G.S. 18B-904(f);

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Bud Schichtel, Commissioner, is hereby designated to notify the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the recommendations for ABC permits within its jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** notices to the Town of Lake Lure, County of

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Rutherford, should be mailed or delivered to the official designated above at the following address:

Mailing address: Town of Lake Lure  
P. O. Box 255  
Lake Lure, NC 28746-0255

Office location: Highway 64/74A

Adopted this the 22nd day of July, 1997.

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Max E. Lehner, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of July, 1997.

ATTEST:

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Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE  
Town Clerk

**NEW BUSINESS**

**e. Other New Business**

There was no other new business for discussion.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Town Manager Strutner reported that the lake was being drawn down in anticipation of the oncoming storm.

Mr. Strutner also gave an up-to-date status on the two grant requests (a hazard mitigation program to relocate the sewage lift station, and the emergency warning system), both addressed to FEMA.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Lehner reported that the grant request to assist the Town in developing a new children's playground was "99.9% assured".

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Mayor Lehner said that he had received a letter of July 18, 1997 from Mr. Brian G. Wilner, addressed to the Lake Lure Police Chief expressing gratitude to the Lake Lure Police Department and especially to Chief Gamble for assisting him the night the drunk campers up at "Creekside" ran him off at 2:00 a.m. on a Saturday night without enough gas in his car.

Councilmembers discussed the problems of clear cutting trees in Lake Lure.

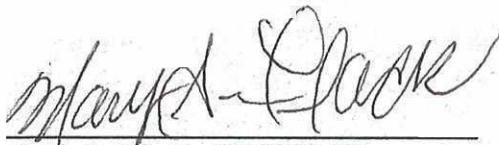
Mayor Lehner and Town Manager Strutner said that discussions with the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the UNC Institute of Government indicate that there are no state laws or codes that allow local governments to control the cutting of trees, but that information regarding same will be mailed to the Town for consideration.


After discussion, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, that such materials will be forwarded to the Lake Lure Planning and Zoning Board for their actions and recommendations to Town Council. The vote of approval was unanimous.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to adjourn the Town meeting at 8:40 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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Mary A. Flack, CMC/AEE  
Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Max E. Lehner