

Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – August 1, 2017

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

Members Present:

Wayne Hyatt
Steve Miller
Paul Westbrook
Don Cason

Members Absent:

Richard Glassen
Roger Peterson
John Chapman

Invited Guests:

Harlow Brown

Others:

Bob Cameron – Council Liaison
Ron Nalley – Town Manager
Linda Ward – Staff Liaison

General Meeting Actions

- a. *Call to Order* - Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
- b. *Consider approval of the April and June, 2017 regular meeting Minutes* – Mr. Nalley reported that the April and June Minutes were unavailable and will be presented for approval at their next Board meeting.

Old Business

- a. *Greenline Update and Review* –Harlow Brown, Chief Engineer with Brown Consultants, distributed a status report on the Greenline Project. Mr. Brown reported that they are waiting for final approval on the loan from the Local Government Commission; negotiating a Special Order by Consent with the State in order to suspend fines and adjust the limits of the discharge permits; received a variance to allow construction of Pump Station #1 within the flood plain; are in the final stages of developing an interlocal agreement with the Town of Spindale; and are 95% completed with the final route location and surveying. Work has begun on securing easements for two additional pump station sites and developing an encroachment agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Construction is estimated to begin on or before June 30, 2018 with completion of the project expected on or before December 31, 2020.

- b. *Point Broadband Update and Review* – Mr. Nalley and representatives from Point Broadband are working to have an agreement for the installation and operation of the distribution equipment ready for the August Town Council meeting. Pangea has agreed to double bandwidth for the area in preparation for the World Equestrian Games in Tryon. It was also reported that the idea to use amplifiers on towers to increase cellular coverage in Town was not feasible. It was also recommended that at this time, the Town stay focused on extending broadband coverage, and work on expanding cell phone coverage separately.
- c. *Internet Survey Update and Review* – Mr. Nalley distributed the preliminary results of the Residential Broadband Survey, a copy of which is attached and made part of these Minutes. Once the deadline for responses has passed, final results will be calculated and presented to the Board.

New Business

- a. *Open Discussion/Comments* - Commissioner Bob Cameron suggested that the Board invite representatives with Duke Energy to attend the next Board meeting to discuss street lighting, their replacement if worn out, upgrading to LED lighting and the installation of shields. Mr. Nalley will ask Public Works Director David Arrowood to contact Duke Energy to see if they are available for the next meeting.

Public Forum

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business, Steve Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Cason seconded and the motion carried 4–0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Linda M. Ward, Customer Service Supervisor