

Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – June 5, 2018

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Members Present:

Wayne Hyatt
Richard Glassen
David Diorio

Others:

Ron Nalley – Town Manager
David Arrowood – Staff Liaison
Linda Ward – Staff Liaison

Members Absent:

John Chapman
Don Cason

General Meeting Actions

- a. *Call to Order* - Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- b. *Consider Approval of the April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes* – Richard Glassen made a motion to approve the April 3, 2018 Minutes as presented. David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

- a. *Low Pressure Sewer System Alternative Discussion /Update* – Town Manager Ron Nalley began the discussion with a visual presentation of the State Schedule for the low pressure sewer system that will be presented to Town Council on June 12, 2018. He then showed the estimated cost of the Green line project and what had actually invoiced prior to the decision to terminate that project and move forward with the low pressure system. The Board discussed that fact that the State is recommending that the existing contract with the Town stay in place and to just add the changeovers.

Richard Glassen discussed the need to have another engineering firm review the current recommendations and costs to avoid fatal flaws. He mentioned that he was not suggesting that they design a new system, but that they review the plans currently in place to see if they detect anything that appears to be inaccurate or will not work as designed. He then made a motion that the UAB make the following request to Council.

Due to the schedule and highly critical nature of the sewer replacement project the Utility Board is recommending that Town Council authorize the issuance of an RFQ to engineering firms to support the Utility Board, Town staff and Council in making effective and timely decisions on design alternatives, review the current engineers cost estimates on the design alternative, and in general support the Town to ensure a cost effective and high value solution.

David Diorio seconded and the motion carried 3 – 0.

- b. Point Broadband update by Russ Pitts – Russ Pitts distributed a Point Broadband handout that shows the speeds and monthly cost for their service, and outlines some of their desirable points. He mentioned that they have only received one new customer since the last meeting and the need to acquire more commitments. Russ said that he would be willing to go to the LLLOA meeting if invited to discuss their service for our community as he did for a Vista at Bills Mountain meeting. He also mentioned Point Broadband’s agreement to a full money back guarantee with service commitments. Richard Glassen said that the guarantee should be added to this handout as it was not included in that. Russ also told the UAB that Point Broadband is looking into the possibility of using composite utility poles for line of sight positions instead of towers which will be a lot less invasive.*

New Business

- a. Open Discussion/Comments – No further discussion or comments*

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Richard Glassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Diorio seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

ATTEST

Wayne Hyatt, Chair

Shannon Baldwin, Interim Town Manager