



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, 1:30 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
William H. Perkins, Jr., Town Manager

ABSENT: Commissioner Patrick Bryant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**III. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT GUARANTEED MINIMUM PROJECT
(GMP) FOR THE GLS PROJECT**

New Town Manager William “Hank” Perkins explained that the Town had received the Guaranteed Minimum Project (GMP) numbers for the GLS project last week, a day late.

Manager Perkins announced that he will be discussing the proposed numbers with Ruby-Collins and Labella Associates and will present the Town’s initial response to the proposed GMP. Manager Perkins explained that the Town’s goal is to have the official GMP by the end of June after holding additional discussions with Ruby-Collins and LaBella Associates.

**IV. REVIEW AND DISCUSS WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT
SERVICE LETTER FROM CHIMNEY ROCK**

Manager Perkins explained that Mayor O’Leary of Chimney Rock Village had sent a letter to Mayor Pritchett in regard to a proposed agreement between Chimney Rock and Lake

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Lure which allows Chimney Rock to collect revenues since the Village is overtaking the sewer system once owned by Rutherford County. Perkins noted that the next step is to arrange a meeting with representatives for Chimney Rock Village and craft an agreement that meets the need of both parties.

Manager Perkins explained that Chimney Rock Village proposed that the Town of Lake Lure continue to collect billing from but return a portion of revenues to the Village, which is one of the aspects that need further conversation.

Commissioner Proctor asked which party would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the system if Chimney Rock's proposal is accepted. Manager Perkins explained Chimney Rock Village is proposed that the Town of Lake Lure continue to maintain the upkeep the system.

Commissioner DiOrio provided context in regard to the conditions of the Chimney Rock Village sewer system, which used to be owned by Rutherford County. Commissioner DiOrio also noted that the current flow exceeds the limit detailed in the agreement signed by the Town of Lake Lure and Rutherford County in the 1970s. Commissioner DiOrio explained that Chimney Rock Village overtook the system from the County contract and now must maintain the system with the stipulations detailed in the original agreement. Commissioner DiOrio provided information that Chimney Rock is charged the same rate as Town of Lake Lure residents. Commissioner DiOrio expressed his thought that Chimney Rock Village asking for a portion of returned revenue is undermining the Town of Lake Lure and interferes with funding the existing debt service for \$12.5 million. DiOrio expressed that Chimney Rock can use their funding stream, but cannot tap into Town of Lake Lure funds. It was mentioned that the proposal indicates that Chimney Rock wants to collect an additional fee and become revenue neutral.

Council's overall consensus was that the Town of Lake Lure wants to support Chimney Rock Village, but without negatively impacting Town of Lake Lure funds.

Commissioner Doster asked if there has been any updates to the Chimney Rock system. Commissioner DiOrio explained that the main line is owned by the Village and others are private. Commissioner Proctor provided information that the system was replaced in 1999.


Public Services Dean Lindsey explained his perspective that it will still take a lot of man power and time to maintain the Chimney Rock Village system. Commissioner DiOrio recommended that the Town charge more or add an administrative fee if Lake Lure staff continues to maintain the Chimney Rock System

Town Manager Perkins agreed to further delve into the matter and meet with Chimney Rock Village representatives. Perkins expressed that he plans to have additional information by the June 14, 2022 regular Council meeting.

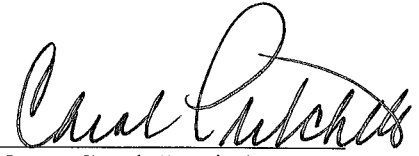
V. ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Doster motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Proctor seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

ATTEST:



Olivia Stewman,
Town Clerk



Mayor Carol C. Pritchett