



**Town of Cahaj's Mountain  
Cajah's Mountain, North Carolina**

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting  
November 14th, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

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**Town Council**

Ronnie Setzer, Mayor  
Allen Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jeff Bolick, Councilman  
Cheryl Pritchard, Councilwoman  
Lloyd Robbins, Councilman

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**Town Council Present:**

Ronnie Setzer  
Cheryl Pritchard  
Allen Stewart  
Lloyd Robbins  
Jeff Bolick

**Media Present:**

**Others Present:**

Refer to sign-in sheet

**Legal Counsel:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Logan Shook

The Town Council of the Town of Cahaj's Mountain met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, in the Meeting Room of the Cahaj's Mountain Town Hall, 1800 Connelly Springs Road, Lenoir, NC 28645.

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Mayor Ronnie Setzer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Bolick gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart and seconded by Councilwoman Pritchard with an addition to section 10. The addition covered information on the purchase of 101 Merrywood Drive.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Councilman Robbins motioned to approve the minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Pritchard.

**Recognition of Persons to be Heard**

Dr. Marc Guerra, Physician with Carolina Healthcare Systems, provided thoughts on EMS moving to Cahah’s Mountain Town Hall from 8AM-8PM, Monday-Sunday. Dr. Guerra thanked Cahah’s Mountain for keeping EMS in Cahah’s Mountain. He stated that response time to his office has dropped from 35 minutes to 5 minutes. He thinks it is good for his office and let the Council know he was thankful for the Town keeping an EMS presence in Cahah’s Mountain. Mayor Setzer informed Dr. Guerra of the temporary status of EMS residing in Town Hall. Dr. Guerra thanked the Council and concluded his presentation.

Clarence Lockamy, Engineer at Wooten Company, presented information on the sewer system to the Town Council. He informed the Council of 2 additional pump stations to complete town-wide sewer. He discussed a state revolving loan fund with an interest rate of 2%, smoke-testing the current lines, maximizing the pump station on Brandon Road, and the Asset Management Plan grant application. He informed the Council 40% of the Town has sewer access with Lenoir treating 51,000 gallons per day. Increased sewer would require new treatment contract with Lenoir. This finished Mr. Lockamy’s presentation.

**Public Hearings**

(none)

**Review & Action**

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business** (none)

Town Manager Shook reviewed NCGS Open Meeting laws. He stated the need for a public comment period policy to regulate citizen participation. He also laid out the NCGSs that regulate a municipality’s public comment period.

Next, Town Manager Shook presented a memo to the Town Council asking to implement the language presented to regulate the public comment period. It would allow citizens 2 minutes to speak at the end of the meeting. The Council disagreed with the time limit, and Councilman Robbins voted to delay a vote on passing regulations for the public comment period. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stewart.

Item C had Town Manager Shook present the logistics of EMS at Town Hall. Shook informed the Council that a two-person EMS crew was housed at Town Hall from 8AM-8PM,

Attachment 1

Monday through Sunday. Shook asked the Council for a vote of approval. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart voted to allow Caldwell County to house the two-person EMS crew at Town Hall during the aforementioned time period for 9 months. Then after the 9 months, the Council would review the situation. This was seconded by Councilman Robbins and passed unanimously.

Lastly, Town Manager Shook informed the Council of the purchase of 101 Merrywood Drive. The Council approved the purchase of the property at or below its appraised value at their October meeting. Town Manager Shook, after reaching an agreement of \$9,000 – the appraised value – met with the property owner and executed the purchase with Town Attorney White.

### **Administrative Reports and Updates**

### **Public Comment Period**

### **Next Meeting**

Mayor Setzer informed everyone the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Bolick.

Respectfully submitted,

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Logan Shook, Town Manager

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Ronnie Setzer, Mayor