

Olivia Stewman recapped the event that was held in Lake Lure on Saturday December 14, 2024. Dustin Waycaster and Chris performed inspections. Stated only concern was they had the smoker under the entrance to the Inn. This was monitored and was okay throughout the event. Stage was in a decent location and they had all the permits needed. Overall the event went well with mainly just traffic issues. Sean Humphries stated there were no injuries or significant issues.

Olivia Stewman updated the council in regards to two parcels of land that is being purchased by the Town. The letters for purchase have been sent and should receive back this week. Still working on the right of entry for the properties being purchased. Will update more.

Soil sample cost for the beach was given to be \$20,000. Could be a covered Fema cost. Fema responded that yes it is a guaranteed covered cost. May be able to add cost to current project. Will reach out to Fema before decision is made.

#### **IV. Human Resources Updates:**

Jennifer advised of the Town Christmas party for all employees. Including Council Members to begin Thursday at 12pm at Camp Lurecrest. There will be signs to direct you where to go and park. We look forward to seeing everyone.

#### **V. Fire Department Updates:**

Dustin Waycaster gave an update for the Fire Department: Wright Brothers making progress on county Rd. and won the contract for the Bat Cave Bridge. Not heard from DOT on Memorial Hwy Bridge. Laura Krejci stated that the DOT posted on their website that US 64/74 would be open by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Check points may stay in place as we are still in a state of emergency. #9 is okay with some single lane sections. DOT will be meeting Friday at 1:30pm and will update more after that meeting.

#### **VI. Public Works Updates:**

Olivia Stewman made update for Dean Lindsey stating that the concrete boring is complete below the damn. No other updates at this time.

#### **VII. Communications Updates:**

Laura advised that over the weekend there was an issue with a water break in Pool creek area. A few businesses and individual residences has no water. The materials are in and repairs are being made. Will send out a message once repaired for a boil advisory. Will also be in contact with Everbridge to update the message to say Lake Lure. Been receiving message regarding cell tower, Lake Recovery, Town Hall, Welcome Center and Morse Park. At this time we continue to make progress with funding depending.

#### **VIII. Finance Department:**

Steve advised some Great news today with a 2.5 million dollar check from insurance came in. It will be deposited immediately. Looking to receive some revenue from property taxes. Will provide a presentation on Wednesday December 18, 2024 with an update on revenue and budget planning. Have not received any emergency funding from Fema at this time. Olivia Stewman will follow up with Nick from Fema. Funding and reimbursement was discussed just waiting on (EPM) projects to come through.

**IX. ICF:**

Not present and no updates.

**IX: Parks and REC:**

Dana updated that 8 boats remain in the Morse Park area. Continued efforts to recover the dock at the police boathouse and secure in place. 239 boats/canoes have been removed. That number includes the unregistered or untagged. . 24 un-motorized boats have been returned to owners. 69 remain with only 31 having permits. Will continue to locate other owners. Looking into a company (American Marine Liquidators) that had unauthorized access to the lake through Rumbling Bald. Investigation will continue. A complaint was made regarding contractors being on the lake after dark. May have to add restricted hours. Will come back to this if it continues to be an issue.

**X. Community development Updates:**

Mike Williams updated on the Cell Tower stating everything is still moving forward. Arranged with Dean Lindsey to clean up debris and sediment located on lot. Still on schedule for March or April to begin construction. Department continues to make headway with permitting and vacation rentals.

**XI. FEMA:**

Town is making tremendous progress and will continue to do so.

**XII. Police Department:**

Event went well. No other updates at this time.

**XIII. Rumbling Bald Updates:**

Jeff Giesler with Rumbling Bald had no updates except a statement concerning Trip Advisors message on the website. At this time they are not removing the message and Jeff will be working to find a work around and other avenues to accommodate local businesses still operating.

**XIV. Other**