

Town of Mars Hill  
**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
Monthly Meeting

December 2, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Stuart Jolley, Robert W. (Bob) Zink

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. & Mrs. Jon VanHoff; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager

Mayor John Chandler called the meeting to order with the first business item being approval of the November, 2013, Minutes. A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the Minutes as written. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Under Agenda Modification/Acceptance, Darhyl Boone requested a Closed Session for discussion of a personnel matter. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley, to accept the Agenda with the requested modification.

Mayor Chandler administered the Oath of Office for Bob Zink. Nick Honeycutt was unable to attend and will be given the Oath by Joanne Rice, a Notary, later in the week.

The Financial Statement for quarter ended September 30, 2013, was presented. A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Stuart Jolley gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Under Old Business, Darhyl presented the Mayor & Aldermen with cost saving amount (copy attached) from refinancing and paying off USDA loans. The total interest savings to the Town equaled \$846,301.00.

Under New Business, Darhyl announced that the Town has received verbal approval from a \$22,500.00 Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant to resurface the Town's pool. Projected costs for the project is \$45,000.00 and Madison County Commissioners has contributed \$10,000.00 to the project also.

The meeting was opened for Public Comment and Mr. & Mrs. VanHoff questioned the feasibility of sidewalk construction for North and South Main Streets. The Board explained the projected costs and that the project has been presented to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for their approval and submitted to NC D.O.T. for possible funding.

With no further Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion for entry into Closed Session. The motion received a second from Larry Davis with unanimous acceptance.

The meeting returned to Open Session on a motion by Bob Zink, second from Larry Davis, with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Chandler to approve a \$3,000.00 per year salary increase for Brian Bailey to compensate him for now having the responsibility of being the Town's heavy equipment operator and being responsible for other job duties due to the retirement of Bennie Bailey. The motion received a second from Bob Zink and was unanimously approved.

With no further business or discussion, Stuart Jolley made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

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