

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

February 5, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray & Dorothy Rapp; Jim Brown; Michael Murphy; Tommy Justus; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Jamie Stokes, Town Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with first item of business being the December 2017 Minutes. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley and unanimous decision to approve the Minutes as written.

Bob Zink made a motion to approve the Agenda with a modification as requested by Management to conduct a Closed Session for personnel and legal matters. The motion received second by Nick Honeycutt and unanimous approval.

Michael Murphy requested permission to construct a couple of benches at the end of the W. Otis Duck Greenway on Mars Hill Elementary School property in memory of his son who died unexpectedly about a year ago. Several friends in the community have volunteered to assist in the project. The Mayor & Board of Aldermen are in agreement and Mr. Murphy will provide a sketch plan of what the benches will look like.

Mr. Jim Brown gave a power point presentation on the current status of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater (SART). There was discussion, question and answer session and appreciation to the Town for their continued support of SART.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second by Larry Davis, to approve the December 31, 2017, Financial Statement as presented. Unanimously accepted.

With no Old Business, next item on the Agenda was New Business. Darhyl explained that this year's Heritage Festival will be the same day as MHU Homecoming. In the past this has been a traffic and safety issue with blocking Main Street. MHU has agreed to work with the Festival staff and allow vendors to set up on the University quad. Darhyl will contact Rodney Bowlin and discuss this issue.

With no Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion to go into Closed Session. Motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and unanimous acceptance.

On a motion from Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley and unanimous approval, meeting returned to Open Session.

Stuart Jolley made a motion to compensate Jason Riddle with a salary increase of \$1,200/year for receiving his Grade 2 Biological Operator Certification for the Wastewater Treatment. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Bob Zink, second by John Chandler, with unanimous acceptance to adjourn.
