

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

May 7, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Joanne Rice

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first item of business being approval of the April, 2012, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the Minutes as written. The motion received unanimous approval.

With no Agenda modification, Bob Zink made a motion to approve as presented. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and unanimous approval.

Darhyl Boone updated the Board on the Water Transmission Line Replacement Project. He reported that the contract has been awarded and order to proceed given. The work on the necessary directional bores should already be underway.

Darhyl made comments on the solar panels at the Library. He gave the Board a hand-out as to how to access the information as to output, etc. on the Town's website. He commented that at the very best, these panels should produce approximately 75% of the Library's electric usage and, at the lower end, 50 to 60%.

Financial Statement for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, was presented. Darhyl stated that, as a whole, the revenues and expenditures are within the projected amounts. However, by the end of June a budget amendment will need to be done to cover unforeseen items. With no questions or comments, a motion as made by Stuart Jolley to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Under Old Business, Darhyl reported that work has been done on a Face Book Page for the Town. The site is still in development with photographs to be added, etc.

Darhyl stated that after the Budget Hearing for the upcoming fiscal year, the Board will need to set a date for a Public Hearing on the Design Standards that have been compiled by the Planning & Zoning Board. They are very nearly complete.

Darhyl reported that the Town has accepted an offer from Bob Zink on the old Town Hall building. The offer was better than any received to date and is in line with current property sales. Advertisement has been done to allow for an upset bid explaining the process necessary to offer such bid. He commented that if the sale was finalized, this would eliminate an empty building on Main Street generating more activity in the down town. In addition, it will place this property back on the Town's tax book.

Darhyl briefly reported that the Town of Mars Hill has been forced out of the Rural Transportation Authority and is now a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority along with Asheville and other larger towns. He stated that possibly someone would attend a future Board meeting to explain fully how this came about.

Being no Public Comment, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, to adjourn the monthly meeting. The motion received unanimous approval.
