

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Chandler with the first item of business being approval of the March, 2011, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Minutes as written. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Under Agenda Modification/Acceptance, Darhyl Boone explained that due to absence of Larry Leake, the legal matter for discussion during the closed session would be postponed. However, he explained that the closed session will still be needed for discussion of a proposed property acquisition. A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second by Larry Davis, to approve the Agenda as presented with the change in closed session. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Mayor John Chandler made a motion to proclaim May 6, 2011, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. Motion received a second from Bob Zink and was unanimously approved.

Darhyl Boone presented a Budget Ordinance for the Renewable Energy Project at the Library. He explained that the solar panel installation at the Library would be \$80,000.00 with \$76,000.00 in grant funds from the State Energy Office and balance of \$4,000.00 from the Town. Waste Reduction Partners Group's engineers are looking at the building to determine the best location for these panels. Town personnel will do as much work as possible for maximum utilization of funds available. Panels will be installed so that additional panels can be added in the future. A motion was received from Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the Budget Ordinance as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A Public Works Facility budget was presented totaling \$160,000.00. Darhyl explained that the current public utility shed was built in 1986 from locust timber and rough lumber the Town had sawed. This building has served the Town well but is in dire need of upgrade and replacement. The proposed building will be metal and will be 40' by 120' including an insulated garage area, bays and a push wall for storage of salt. The floor will be 5" concrete. The building will be set back in the existing bank with the retainer wall forming part of the back wall of the building. A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the budget for a Public Works Facility. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Being no Old Business, under New Business, Nick Honeycutt reported that he had received a letter from C. Robert Jones regarding the history of Mars Hill College that was compiled and suggested that the Town, being so rich in history, do such a publication of their 115 year history. The primary need would

be for someone to gather and compile this information. Darhyl knew a couple of people who might be interested. The general consensus of the Board is that each member compile a list of those they feel would possibly be willing to head this project.

Darhyl Boone reported that the requirements for proposal on engineering work on Phase III of the Water Line Replacement Project has been completed with three firms responding. Karen Kiehna with Land of Sky Regional Council, Darhyl and Robert Sams have met and graded these firms and are ready with a recommendation. However, the Federal Government does not have a budget to date so there's no need to proceed. Phase III cannot begin until the Federal Government is ready to release funding.

With no Public Comment, Stuart Jolley made a motion to go into closed session for discussion of a proposed property acquisition. The motion received a second from Bob Zink and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second from Nick Honeycutt, with unanimous approval to go back into open session.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from John Chandler and was unanimously accepted.
