

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

June 25, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 May, 2012, Minutes. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the May Minutes as presented. Motion received unanimous approval.

With no Agenda Modification, a motion was made by Bob Zink to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was given unanimous approval.

The meeting moved to a Public Hearing for the purpose of review and adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013. A brief discussion followed concerning the new tax valuation and the uncertainty of how it would affect the Town's levy. Darhyl commented that the Recreation Park Budget was larger due to the monies received for hail damage which will be used to re-roof the buildings at the park. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Larry Davis to accept the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 as presented. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Darhyl presented to the Board a Resolution Accepting and Endorsing the Solid Waste Plan for 2012 for Madison County. He explained that this Resolution is done every three years when the County Plan is updated. The Town is involved in this update process because of our use of the landfill and our efforts toward recycling. He further stated that the Plan in its entirety is on file in the Town Hall for anyone who wishes to review it. A motion as made by Bob Zink to approve the Resolution with a second from Larry Davis and unanimous approval.

There were no items of Old Business but Darhyl had a few things to report under New Business. He reported that he had met with Dr. Dan Lunsford, President, Mars Hill College, and was briefed on future plans for the College. He gave a hand-out to each Board Member detailing the plans with respect to population, dorm expansion, etc. Dr. Lunsford has offered to meet with the Board if they wish to go over these plans. He stated that, according to Dr. Lunsford, that the anticipated population of the College over the next five years will reach 1,400.

The Town has been approached to support the Keep Madison County Beautiful campaign which will begin with the public schools. They will also solicit volunteers for litter clean-up, etc.

Eddie Fox, Fire Chief, along with Darhyl and been reviewing the process by which fire inspections are done. Madison County is the agency which provides this service but do not have adequate staff to do the comprehensive inspections that are legally required. They often call Eddie to do the inspections. Though the County is responsible, the Town is still liable for the inspections within the Town if

something happens. For that reason, a plan is being formulated to possibly designate Eddie Fox, who is already certified, as the Fire Inspector for the Town. This could be an asset to the Town because it would give the Fire Department a more intimate knowledge of the layout of buildings in the event of fire or other disaster. A fee would be charged with no amount currently set. The details of this plan will be worked out over a period of time and this issue will then be revisited.

Mars Hill College is currently installing a new water line to the College town houses which are being refurbished. This main line will service the existing town houses as well as a future proposed dorm. Darhyl has spoken with the College and they have agreed to split the cost of the line and lay a loop which the Town needs and it will provide the flow that the College needs for the future expansion. They are already working on laying this line.

Darhyl also reported that he is planning to get with the Planning & Zoning Board, hopefully in July, to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning permitted uses in the Highway Business District (C-2).

Darhyl reported that he has had a couple of requests for water taps from residents outside Town along what will be the newly replaced transmission line into Town. The Town's policy states that outside water taps cannot be done and would require Board action for this to be granted.

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting will be at 8:00 a.m., June 27, at French Broad Deli.

Since the June meeting is so late, there will be no need for a July meeting unless something unforeseen arises. The next scheduled meeting will be in August.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolly, and unanimous approval to adjourn.
