

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2016

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: Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town Attorney; Michael Garrison, Chief of Police

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with first item of business being approval of the March, 2016 Minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Nick Honeycutt and second from Stuart Jolley.

Stuart Jolley made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with one modification to allow for a Closed Session concerning a personnel matter. Motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously accepted.

Police Chief Michael Garrison gave a report on the Police Department activities. His report included: grants in progress; hiring procedures for new officers; electronic tickets; body cameras; civilian review board as an oversight committee for unusual instances or complaints against the department or officers; email group activities between Mars Hill University and the Town; improving communication; more positive results; traffic checks and reasons for them; working on placing two men on evening shift; down-town parking efforts; have met with business owners; mutual aid agreements with other offices including Madison County, Buncombe County, Marshall, Asheville, etc. The Board expressed appreciation for the good work.

There was a motion by Bob Zink and second from Stuart Jolley to approve a Resolution adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with other Law Enforcement Agencies. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board entered a Closed Session for a personnel matter on a motion by Bob Zink and second from Mayor Chandler. A motion was made by Bob Zink to return to Open Session. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to increase salary for Brian Bailey by \$1,500/year and Derral Jenkins by \$1,000/year for additional responsibilities. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously accepted.

Board discussed the problem with Madison Manor Nursing Home disposing of rags into the sewer system and causing sewer pump problems and line stoppage. Board instructed Attorney Larry Leake to send the facility a letter to correct the matter immediately.


A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and unanimous approval.

Under Old Business there was discussion concerning the Water Leak Adjustment Policy. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Mayor Chandler, to amend the Policy to allow an adjustment every five (5) years instead of once in a lifetime. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Under New Business there was discussion about installing a French drain at Town hall, drilling a well at the watershed as a future water source, revising the application for water and sewer service and installation of LED bulbs in all the Town's street lights.

Darhyl explained that Melvyn Standen is requesting the interest on his late payment for property taxes be forgiven. He purchased the property in December but did not receive the deed until after the first of the year and taxes owed the Town were not discovered at the closing. The Mayor and Aldermen did not approve the request.

There was no Public Comment and Bob Zink made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned on a second by Stuart Jolley and unanimous acceptance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darhyl Boone", is written over a horizontal line.