

Town of Maggie Valley
Board of Aldermen Regularly Scheduled Meeting
December 10, 2024
MINUTES

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Eveland
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Owens
Alderman John Hinton
Alderman Tim Wise
Alderman Phillip Wight

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Vickie Best, Town Manager
Kathy Johnson, Town Clerk
Noah Taylor, Assistant Planner
Mike Mehaffey, Public Works Director
Matthew Boger, Police Chief
Attorney Craig Justus

Others Present:

Three others were present.

Media Present:

Jimmy Potts, The Mountaineer

Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Eveland called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday December 10, 2024, in the Maggie Valley Town Hall Boardroom, 3987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all followed by prayer led by Noah Taylor.

Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

Mayor Eveland asked if there were any changes to the agenda or conflict of interest. There were none stated.

Consent Agenda

- a. *Budget to Actual*
- b. *A/R Report*
- c. *Tax Releases*
- d. *Minutes to be Approved: November 5th and 12th.*
- e. *Approval of Closed Session Minutes 4/11/2023, 3/12/2024, and 9/10/2024.*

A motion was made by Alderman John Hinton to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Eveland opened the meeting for Public Comment. No one came forward to make comments.

Present a Proclamation honoring the Town of Maggie Valley's Employees

Mayor Eveland read the proclamation, honoring the Town of Maggie Valley employees for their selfless acts of service during the difficult time of Hurricane Helene disaster. Board members expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the Town employees.

Economic Development Grant: (Façade) Three Pines Lodge signs: \$7,535

Assistant Town Planner Noah Taylor said the Planning Department was approached by the owner of Three Pines Lodge to discuss grant funding. The applicant is currently doing extensive work to the Lodge and has an interest in replacing the sign at Soco Road. Before the meeting the applicant presented Mr. Taylor with paperwork with different prices than first presented. Mr. Taylor and the applicant answered questions from Board members about the new sign and it was determined this agenda item would need to be discussed after the new prices have been presented to the Board.

Approval of Out-of-Town Sewer Service for 509 Deer Creek Trail and the adjoining lot.

Manager Best reviewed a map with Board members and explained the property is adjacent to the Town, but it would not be feasible to provide services other than the out-of-town sewer due to the access road.

Mr. Mehaffey explained that the sewer line will be crossing the adjoining lot and hooking to the house at 509 Deer Creek Trail.

A motion was made by Alderman Jim Owens to approve 509 Deer Creek Trail and the adjoining lot for Out-of-Town sewer. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Department Head Reports

Mike Mehaffey, Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS

- Monthly maintenance, general cleaning and repairs at Town Hall, Pavilion, Parham Park, Rathbone/Rich Park, Festival Grounds, Public Works buildings and Police Department.
- Monthly Recyclables approx. 11 tons.
- Monthly Solid Waste approx. 49 tons.
- Monthly White Goods/Electronics 1 pick-ups.

- Picked up miscellaneous residential brush and debris. 175 brush pick-ups that totaled 27 loads of brush.
- Continue maintenance and repairs on Welcome Banners, Miss Maggie Banners and winter banners.
- Public Works continues upkeep of all Town facilities.
- Perform ditch, culvert, shoulder and road maintenance along streets. Both private and Town streets.
- Service and/or repaired 6 Public Works vehicles/equipment 1 Administration and 3 Police vehicles.
- Picked up bagged trash and debris along Highway 19 and Highway 276 from Fie Top Road to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Public Works continues inspections and testing of roads, paving and other infrastructure at Mountain View Estates.
- Valley View subdivision on Jonathan Creek behind the CO-OP has started grading and installing infrastructure. We inspect their progress daily.
- Public Works has installed all winter decorations. 78 pole decorations, 6 ground displays and building lights at Town Hall, Pavilion, Fire Department and Police Department. We also cleaned out storage buildings and cancelled leases.
- Public works continues working on employee safety training.
- We are continuing construction of the Public Works 50x100 storage building. Concrete is completed. Garage doors are installed. Roof drains and surface drains have been installed. We will be sealing floors and starting electrical work soon.
- We mounted snow and ice removal equipment on 2 trucks in preparation for snow.
- Public Works had 1 snow and ice event in November.
- Public Works staffed 2 successful events at the Festival Grounds in November.
- We continue working on storm related issues. Woody debris, streets, parks, creek banks and buildings.
- Public Works installed all the Starlink system at the police department. This included running the wiring and mounting the equipment.
- All fire extinguishers were collected, inspected and returned to their locations. This is a yearly inspection.

WWTP

- Daily and Monthly testing, monitoring and analysis; Monthly cleaning and repairs.
- Monthly Road, Levee, equipment and building maintenance.
- Continued yearly sewer line, manhole, easement spraying and creek crossing inspections as required by DENR.
- Installed/repaired 5 sewer services issues, cleaned and videoed approximately 300' feet of sewer line, inspected 6 sewer connections/installations, repaired/leak stopped 1 damaged manhole and inspected 2 manholes as we continue to work on I&I issues.
- Dewatered 000 gallons of digester sludge. Lime Stabilized 0 tons of dewatered sludge. Also, we hauled 0 tons of dewatered sludge to landfill.
- Worked with business owners, homeowners, contractors and others to help resolve sewer related issues such as rainwater getting into sewer lines, back-ups, video inspection, private line or service locations and damage to lines.

- Continue monthly sewer easement maintenance. Bush hogging, tree cutting, spraying and debris removal.
- This month we received Seventy-two locate requests for NC811. These were all marked in a timely manner.
- Continue monitoring Johnathan Creek and stream banks for fallen and dead trees that could impact the Town's sewer creek crossings. This is now required by NCDEQ.
- Removed fallen trees and debris from Jonathan's Creek on Moody Farm Road, Stonebridge Campground, Valley Creek and Campbell Creek.
- Grease in the Towns sewer collection system and in the Wastewater Treatment Plant is an ongoing and time-consuming problem. Regular grease trap pumping and maintenance is the key to keeping these problems to a minimum. All food handling businesses are required to have grease-removing equipment installed and to maintain records of cleaning and maintaining their equipment. The sewer department staff regularly inspects this equipment and looks at records and logs of this maintenance. This month we performed fourteen grease trap inspections. Of these two were found to be non-compliant. We continue to work with all businesses on their grease issues. We provide assistance and education in hopes of reducing the amount of grease in our sewer system.
- Reviewed plans and permits for new developments and projects.
- We continue working on storm related issues. Sewer projects, Fox Run Road pump around, engineering for stream bank repairs, sewer pipe bridge at Fox Run, WWTP bridge engineering and road repairs.

Mr. Mehaffey gave an update on Hurricane Helene cleanup and he answered questions from Board members about the progress.

Matthew Boger, Police Chief

Incidents

- During this reporting month of November, the Maggie Valley Police Department (MVPD) investigated twenty-three incidents, which included Breaking and Entering, Property Damage, Drug Violations, Simple Assault, Trespassing, Fraud, Weapon Law Violations, Motor Vehicle Theft, DWI, and Fondling.

Arrests

- Maggie Valley Police Officers arrested Twelve individuals, resulting in twenty charges, including Trespassing, Drug Violation, Breaking and Entering, and DWI.

Motor Vehicle Traffic

- Maggie Valley Police Officers investigated two motor vehicle accidents for the reporting period and issued one hundred and thirty-seven traffic-related charges. Thirty-two percent of charges were for speeding (10 citations and 34 written warnings).

Officer Activities

- THIS LIST IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL THE INCIDENTS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD. SOME CASES, DUE TO THE INTEGERGY OF THE CASE, CAN NOT BE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED AT THIS TIME.
- On 11/02/2024 Lieutenant Wood was conducting a traffic stop for a DWI investigation. K9 Karma was deployed around the exterior of the vehicle. A behavior changes from Karma moved her to the interior of the vehicle. A final

alert was observed from Karma on a bag in the passenger seat. A bag of Methamphetamine was located, and the driver was arrested.

- On 11/16/2024 Lieutenant Wood observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted for a DWI investigation. The driver fled at a high rate of speed and ran into the Clyde area. A foot chase ensued, and Lt. Wood apprehended the subject and seized the vehicle.
- On 11/12/2024, Officer Flowers was dispatched to Market Street to investigate an active domestic. The mother was blocking the son from leaving the residence. This incident was resolved peacefully.
- On 11/26/2024 Ofc. Flowers assisted Haywood County S.O. with a domestic on Elizabeth Lane. The incident was resolved peacefully.
- On 11/28/2024, K9 Officer Bellows was assisting Officer Crowe with an assault on a female. A third party of the incident was contacted, and upon investigation, K9 Ofc. Bellows discovered this individual had a warrant, and the arrest was made.
- On 11/1/2024, K9 Officer Bellows was dispatched to 133 Summit Drive in reference to a suicidal subject. Officers on the scene spoke with the individual and assisted with resolving the issues. The individual was told to call back if they needed any other assistance.
- On 11/16/2024, Officer Herbertson conducted a traffic stop on US 19 Soco Road. Upon investigation, the driver was arrested for DWI. Once at the jail, the driver refused to cooperate. EMS was contacted, and a search warrant for blood was obtained.
- On 11/17/2024 Officer Herbertson was dispatched to a domestic situation. The caller advised she had an active protective order against the individual. As Ofc. Herbertson approached the male. He fled, and a vehicle chase ensued. The chase ended near Lake Junaluska after a quick trip to the Canton area and back. This incident involved multiple agencies. After arresting the driver, an IVC was obtained for suicidal comments.
- On 11/01/2024 Officer Riddle responded to Holland Drive in reference to a domestic situation to assist HCSO. The issue was resolved peacefully without incident.
- On 11/05/2024, Officer Kelley was dispatched to Turn About Court in reference to trespassing. A report was taken for the property damage that occurred during the incident.
- On 11/14/2024, Officer Kelley responded to Turn About Ct. in reference to a female trespasser. Ofc. Kelley made contact and an arrest was made for trespass as well as property damage that had occurred on a previous call.
- On 11/28/2024, Officer Crowe responded to an assault on a female at The Quality Inn. Ofc. Crowe reviewed the camera footage and was able to identify the suspect. Ofc. Crowe spoke with the magistrate and obtained charges for the incident.
- On 11/23/2024 Officer Crowe assisted HCSO at 1738 Moody Farm Rd. in reference to a civil disturbance. There was an active SOB in place between the parties involved, and the male was placed under arrest.

Evidence Processing (E/P)

- Evidence Technicians O. Murphy and S. Justice processed twenty items for the month. Evidence includes narcotics, paraphernalia, and biological evidence.

Investigations (CID)

- Lt. Greene followed up with a domestic case involving a breaking and entering. Several criminal charges were taken on the suspect.
- Lt. Greene followed up with a juvenile sexual assault case and worked with the school as well as DSS on this case.
- Lt. Greene followed up with a Larceny and fraud case resulting in closing the case.
- Lt. Greene assisted the Haywood County Sheriff's Office with a larceny case which occurred near our jurisdiction. There were several searches at different locations for the stolen items and Lt. Greene assisted in several interviews of suspects along with reviewing camera footage from business in Maggie Valley.
- Detective Crocker had several meetings with the District Attorney in reference to follow ups including the homicide, firearm by felon case, and the human trafficking case.

K9 Program

- The K9 teams logged thirteen training events and two deployments. One arrest was made by the K9 team after an alert and locating a controlled substance.

Community Patrol and Interactions

- Maggie Valley Officers patrolled through our residential neighborhoods several times this month.
- Maggie Valley Officers performed their monthly business visits.
- Maggie Valley Officers responded to two-hundred forty-six calls for Service (CFS) in this reporting period. The average number of calls for service per day has been consistently around 10 for the last several months.

Events, Schools, and Meetings

- The Police Department staff enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with the entire Jonathan Valley Elementary student body.
- All full-time officers attended firearms training and qualified with the new service weapons.

Noah Taylor, Assistant Town Planner

- Five Residential Permits: New structures Tanner Trail, 105 Melody Lane, 98 Clear Creek Lane, 99 Clear Creek Lane, and 105 Clear Creek Lane.
- Two Commercial Permits: Sign Permit at 3281 Dellwood Road. Park model Replacement at Stonebridge.
- Six Floodplain Permits: Pump Station 273 Mountain View Drive (Tropical Storm Helene), Three Interior Renovation; 2474 Soco Road (Tropical Storm Helene), Interior Renovations, 2335 Soco Road (Tropical Storm Helene). HVAC 2408 Soco Road (Tropical Storm Helene).
- Six In person Consultations: Four Tropical Storm Helene Recovery, Capstone Project, and Floodplain.
- Four Final Zoning Compliance: 58,72 and 82 Wildbrook, 432 Twinbrook Lane.
- One Notice of Violation for 73 Mountain Breeze Drive, Building without a permit.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Tim Wise to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

s/Mike Eveland
Mayor Mike Eveland

s/Vickie Best
Vickie Best, Town Manager

s/Kathy Johnson
Kathy Johnson, Town Clerk