

Board of Aldermen Agenda Setting Meeting
Town Hall Board Room, Maggie Valley Town Hall
Tuesday November 5, 2024, 10:00 am

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Town Manager Vickie Best, Town Clerk Kathy Johnson, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, Police Chief Matthew Boger, Finance Director Misty Hagood, Assistant Town Planner Noah Taylor, Senior WWTP Operator Seth Boyd.

Others Present:

Mary Miller with Altrusa

Media Present:

No Media were present.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Mike Eveland called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday November 5, 2024, in the Maggie Valley Town Hall Boardroom 3987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751.

Mayor Eveland said each item on the agenda would be discussed, then there will be an update on Hurricane Helene cleanup.

Consent Agenda

- a. *Budget to Actual*
- b. *A/R Report*
- c. *Tax Releases*
- d. *Minutes: October 8th and 15th, 2024*

Audit Presentation: Erica Brown with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

Manager Best said the audit has been completed and there were some findings that happened under the previous Finance Officer. Erica Brown with Martin Starnes & Associates will be at the regular meeting to discuss the findings. She asked the Board members to review the audit report in preparation for the audit presentation at the November 12, 2024, meeting.

Altrusa Benefit Concert: Mary Miller will be asking for the Town of Maggie Valley to Co-sponsor the event.

Ms. Mary Miller with Altrusa thanked the board for renting the festival grounds for the event. She asked the Board if they would be interested in co-sponsoring the August 9, 2025 event.

Manager Best reminded the board that there are other non-profits that use the grounds and if this is approved, it will be setting a precedence for other promoters requesting to be co-sponsored.

Mayor Eveland said in the past, the Town has stayed away from sponsoring events.

Ms. Miller said it is not that Altrusa cannot afford it, it is that by having a co-sponsor, it helps Altrusa be able to give more scholarships and help more young people.

Mayor Eveland said we would love to have the event at the festival grounds but does not feel it is in the best interest for the Town of Maggie Valley to co-sponsor the event.

A motion was made by Alderman Tim Wise to approve the Altrusa Benefit Concert at regular cost, on August 9, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Event Approval: Paper Town Winter Market, Saturday November 9, 2024

Manager Best said the Paper Town Winter Market is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2024. The venue they were using in Canton cannot be used due to recent events. She has reached the consensus of three of the board members and they have all agreed to the event.

A motion was made by Alderman John Hinton to approve Paper Town Winter Market for November 9, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 24-14: Prohibiting Viewing of Pornography on Town Networks and Devices.

Manager Best said Resolution 24-14 Prohibiting Viewing of Pornography on Town Networks and Devices per N.C. General Statute 143-805 became law effective October 1, 2024. The Town of Maggie Valley is following suit. She said during the Regular Board meeting there would need to be a motion adopting the Resolution.

Other Business

Ms. Best asked Assistant Planner Noah Taylor to update the board on Bethel Village.

Mr. Taylor spoke about the three houses that Mountain Projects were installing this past week. Town staff walked through and said the house will be a good addition to the community. He stated this is three out of six houses that Mountain Projects plan to install.

Mayor Eveland asked Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey to update Board members on the paving of the Bethel Village Road. Mr. Mehaffey said we need to make sure the survey is correct before beginning the project. David Francis knows what the deal is with the money, and he no longer works for the County. Mr. Mehaffey said he would like the County to go ahead and enter into a contract with Custom Paving since they are the ones that hold the majority of the funds.

Mayor Eveland suggested reaching out to the County and seeing who is in charge of getting this project in motion.

Manager Best asked Mr. Mehaffey to give an update on the flooding damage.

Mr. Mehaffey's updates included:

- To ensure reimbursement from FEMA, an Engineer has to be selected through a process requiring an RFQ. It is due back today and then it can be reviewed, and we can select an engineer.
- Waiting for Engineer plans for Fox run road sewer line.
- Bridge and road at the wastewater treatment plant. We are now waiting for the engineer to see how it will be repaired. "We had to plow the road a few days after the flood so we could drive on it."
- Carpet Golf sewer replacement and stream bank repair: Once we get the RFQ, we will select an engineer and start the process and repair according to what FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineer will require.
- NCDOT will be involved with repairing Johnson Branch. NCDOT will work with the engineer.
- Continue to clean up on Town property as things are found.

Mr. Mehaffey asked Board members to have residents with complaints to call Town Hall.

Mayor Eveland confirmed with Mr. Mehaffey that the traffic circle would still happen. He said work will start in December. The winter decorations and displays will be put up and they can be taken down if needed when the project begins.

Senior WWTP Operator Seth Boyd said he has gone around with the NC League of Municipalities Insurance Representatives and there is not going to be any damage from the flood covered by the insurance.

There was much discussion and Mr. Mehaffey answered questions from Board members about flood damage, possible repairs and projects that may be covered by the state.

Ms. Best said the Flossy White room was flooded during Hurricane Helene and Noah removed the carpet and now we have found there is asbestos in the flooring tiles.

Finance Officer Misty Hagood said the insurance company will be sending someone to test it for asbestos.

Manager Best recommends using the Flossy White room as a smaller Board room and use it for smaller meeting like Planning Board, Zoning Board, closed session meetings, etc.

Mr. Mehaffey spoke about the efforts of Chris Anthony and all the supplies he brought

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during the disaster relief efforts.

Phillip Wight suggested sending Chris Anthony a nicely framed letter for all he has done.

Mr. Mehaffey said there also needs to be recognition of the Maggie Valley Volunteer Fire Department for all they have done during Hurricane Helene. He would like to see the Town do a resolution recognizing the Maggie Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Eveland agreed that the Town should do some type of recognition for Chris Anthony and the Maggie Valley Fire Department.

Ms. Best said Haywood County was very appreciative of the Town turning the pavilion into a supply pod/distribution center. She commended everyone that participated in distributing meals and helping in the distribution center.

There was much discussion among Board members about the devastating effects that hurricane Helene has caused to the Town, County and surrounding area. Ms. Best said the Town has outstanding staff in all departments and overall, Maggie Valley was truly blessed throughout the event.

Mayor Eveland said the Town is growing and it is time we are prepared when a disaster happens.

Debris Pickup

Mr. Mehaffey said there will be three passes of debris pickup, and the contractor has not given a timeline as to when the pickups will begin. There have been no pickups in Maggie Valley to date.

Alderman Jim Owens spoke about a grant program from the TDA that business that have suffered can apply. Mayor Eveland said once the program is available, it needs to be publicized to Maggie Valley businesses.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Jim Owens to adjourn the meeting at 11:19. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

s/Mike Eveland

s/Vickie Best

Mayor Mike Eveland

Vickie Best, Town Manager

s/Kathy Johnson

Kathy Johnson, Town Clerk