

February 5, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Members Gina Ellis, Judy Kerns and Dave Bajuscak and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for January, 2018 were read. Ms. Kerns asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that moving forward with the plans for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was made with a motion. The minutes were approved with that change.

The minutes for the January 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the Mayor & Council, regarding the use and upgrades of Brandenburg Field, were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$371,808.68

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Ms. Kerns discussed plans for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She said a grant would be used to fund a walking tour brochure and a video documentary of the Town. She said a committee has been formed. The members of the committee are herself, Dian Thomson, Sue Gemeny, Cindy Burtner and Jason Simmons. The committee would meet bi-weekly. She said the committee will be working with the Washington County marketing specialist, Dan Spedden of the Washington County Visitors Bureau and Dave Kline, the governmental representative from First Energy for support. Ms. Kerns then asked to amend the motion made at the October, 2017 Mayor & Council meeting, that \$600 be authorized to create a walking tour brochure, instead be used for programs and expenditures for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lord said he has talked with James Favata, a resident who is a videographer to assist the Town with producing a video documentary of the Town. There were several questions about the services he could provide in that regard. A time will be setup to meet with Mr. Favata.

Ms. Kerns noted that they are looking into getting window “clings” for homes listed in the walking tour brochure. She also said that the committee would begin meeting every other week in March.

Regarding new “Keedysville” signs for either end of town, Mr. Levey made a presentation of examples of other municipal signs. He suggested new signs might be 5-6 feet tall by 10 feet wide. He suggested that the Town seal might be on new signs. He also suggested that new signs be made of more permanent materials. Lastly, he suggested that a sign with two stone posts might be desirable. He said that, before the owners of the properties where the signs are located could be notified, a decision about the structural design of the sign needs to be made.

Ms. Ellis noted three trees in Taylor Park that Eric Ellis suggested should be removed, due to disease and possible damage to the pavilion roofs. She said that he offered to plant new trees. The possible purchase by the Town of the property at 15 So. Main St. was discussed. Ms. Kerns expressed concerns about the buried fuel tanks on the property. It was decided to contact the Maryland Department of the Environment about the matter.

Mr. Bishop noted that the stop sign had been put up at the intersection of Stonecrest Circle & Dogstreet Rd.

Mayor Lord expressed a desire to switch the Mayor & Council meeting day from the first Monday of every month to the first Wednesday of every month. He said one reason would be so that he could attend other municipalities’ meetings. Ms. Ellis made a motion to move the M&C meeting to the first Wednesday of the month, beginning in June. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kerns noted the meeting of the Washington County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. She noted that she met Mark Widmire of the Maryland Governor’s office who said he would provide a citation

for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She noted that the reservation period for the MML convention in Ocean City has opened.

Mayor Lord asked if the Council would be interested in exempting active duty military members and law enforcement officers from Keedysville real estate tax.

Mayor Lord noted that he intended to go to the MML conference in June.

Terry Thomson noted an incident with a large black dog that was loose with its owner and almost knocked him down. He asked if a notice about the leash law could be sent out. He also said that the Town should change the zoning regulation to limit heights of structures in relation to nearby homes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator