

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Ken Lord, Mayor
Barry Levey, Assistant Mayor
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Judy Kerns, Council Member
Matthew Hull, Council Member

February 6, 2019

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 Judy Kerns, Gina Ellis, and Matt Hull and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for January, 2019 were read and approved.

The minutes for the January 30, 2019 Special meeting to introduce the ordinance for the purchase of the property at 15 South Main Street, were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$216,440.60.

Robert Goetz, President of Middletown Valley Bank (MVB), Susan Grove, Asst. Vice President, MVB and Ashley Cordelli, Branch Manager, MVB introduced themselves to the Mayor & Council. Mr. Goetz thanked them for opening the Town accounts at MVB and said that he is always available and willing to take their calls at any time.

Deputy Tracey Peyton gave an update on activity in Town. He noted that stop sign violations have decreased dramatically and speeding violations were mainly on Rt. 34.

The ordinance for the purchase of the property at 15 South Main Street was read. Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the ordinance. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hull noted that he will be meeting with a contractor regarding stream bank restoration at that property and behind Town Hall.

Mr. Bishop said the website design is moving along.

Mr. Bishop said that the sign engineering has been sent to SHA and a county permit will need to be applied for.

Mr. Bishop gave an SHA project update. He noted that Congressional Contracting lost the contract and it has moved to the bonding company to be re-bid. He said it might be the first of Spring before work begins again.

Ms. Ellis said that Fairview Cemetery would like to enter into a 99-year lease for the small piece of property between the cemetery and Town Hall. She said the cemetery would provide the lease. Mr. Levey made a motion to have the cemetery to draw up a lease for a term of 99 years with a \$1.00 payment. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ellis noted that the Community Center board will be meeting on Monday, February 11th. She added that she and Art Williamson will be resigning their positions and the board is looking for replacements.

Dian Thomson said she had been working on a Keedysville celebration for September 28th, 2019. She noted that Benevola UMC would provide food, Hub City Model A Club would attend, Lynn Routzahn would provide music for \$150.00, chair rentals from Ted's Rental Center would cost about \$200.00, the Rohrsersville Band is checking for their availability and would charge \$250.00 and Deputy Peyton has put the date on his schedule. She added that they were looking for help moving tables and benches. She said she is looking for someone who could do that. Mr. Hull suggested that Bryan Babbington, of Willow Run Landscaping might be willing to help. Mr. Bishop said he would contact him.

Ms. Kerns noted that a flag for the Town still has not been designed and she would like to see that happen.

Ms. Kerns asked if anyone on the Council would be interested in going to the MML Summer Conference. She noted the availability of a scholarship to attend. She said she is considering going.

Ms. Kerns asked about the bond release in Stonecrest. Ms. Ellis noted that streetlights had not been installed.

Mr. Lord noted that the Public Information Act training was scheduled for Thursday, February 7.

Mr. Bishop asked if the Mayor & Council would like to renew the contract with Antietam Tree and Turf for weed control in the park and at Town Hall. Ms. Ellis asked if a search had been done for another company. Mr. Bishop said no, but if the Council wanted to, it could be done. Mr. Hull made a motion to renew the contract. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull said that road repairs need to be made. Mr. Bishop asked for a priority list and assistance in putting together a bid spec sheet.

Alan Mullendore spoke about the desire of Antietam Youth Athletic League (AYAL) to have an exclusive use agreement with the Town for the softball portion of Brandenburg Field. He noted that South County Little League (SCLL) has an exclusive use contract with both the Town of Sharpsburg and the Town of Boonsboro. He also noted some of the difficulties experienced with the shared the field with SCLL last year. Ms. Kerns said that the Council represents all of the residents of Keedysville and some residents play in SCLL. Mayor Lord asked if it was possible to continue what the shared field use arrangement was last year, with the situation monitored for a recurrence of problems. Mr. Mullendore said that all of the field upkeep was handled by AYAL. Mr. Levey offered that shared use might be considered with the stipulation that if problems happen again, the arrangement would change. Ms. Ellis said that she didn't understand why SCLL even needed use of the field. Mr. Hull said that past shared use of the field was related to his desires. Ms. Kerns asked if anyone has asked SCLL about their thoughts about this. Mr. Mullendore noted that there is no problem sharing the grassy area beyond the softball field with Boonsboro Area Lacrosse. Ms. Kerns had strong reservations allowing exclusive use because there was no representative from SCLL present at the meeting to present their position. Mr. Hull made a motion to allow AYAL exclusive scheduling rights for the softball field portion of Brandenburg Field for the 2019 season. Ms. Ellis seconded. Ms. Kerns again expressed her concern that no representative from SCLL was present to offer their thoughts and that SCLL might have some child that might not be able to participate if SCLL was not allowed to use the field. Motion passed 3-1 with Ms. Kerns dissenting. Mayor Lord agreed to send an email to Ernie Harr of SCLL advising him of the decision.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop, Town Administrator