

March 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Mayor Matt Hull, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Member Richard Walton and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from February 7, 2011 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$222,362.82.

It was noted that contrary to discussion at February's Mayor & Council meeting, there is a General Penalty section in the Town Ordinances that sets a fine of up to \$1000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 6 months for violations to Town Ordinances.

It was noted that there was no news in regards to the MEA Grant for the heat pump replacement at the library, the street light replacement or the Town Hall sign.

Mr. Levey made a motion to accept the bid by Randy's Multi-Service for Mowing Bid #1 in the amount of \$245.00 per cut. Mr. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Levey made a motion to accept the bid by M&M Landscaping for Mowing Bid #2 in the amount of \$350.00 per cut. Mr. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor noted a conversation he had with the Rockingham HOA President in which the HOA President said that the HOA would handle the mowing around the sign and shrubs at the subdivision's entrance.

The access easement to Pond B in Rockingham was discussed. Although the pond has previously been accessed from the end of Rockingham Dr. the access easement is at the end of Skyline Dr. To use this access, a culvert will need to be installed to cross the drainage swale. Informing the residents on either side of the easement was also discussed.

Mayor Hull noted a complaint by a resident in Rockingham that a snow plow disturbed some grass along the road in front of their home. Council agreed with the Mayor that the homeowners should be responsible for minor disturbances such as this.

Mr. Bishop informed the Mayor & Council of a notice from Comcast in regards to rate increases set for April 7, 2011.

A request for a donation to Women At The Table was declined.

An invitation to participate in the Sharpsburg parade was noted and declined.

Mayor Hull noted that a representative for the Keedysville School was at February's Planning & Zoning meeting seeking information in regards to a retirement village project proposed for land at the school.

Mayor Hull noted that the netting behind one of the basketball backboards in Taylor Park is down. It will be re-hung.

Mr. Levey noted that he is receiving phone calls from residents in regards to grinder pump failures, even though the sewerage system is handled by the County. He asked that something be placed in the next newsletter to inform residents that they should call the County.

Tim Robertson noted that the telephone line break that occurred between Keedysville and Boonsboro was caused by Boonsboro employees when repairing a line break. He noted that representatives from Boonsboro did not contact Miss Utility before digging. Mr. Levey noted that he spoke to a representative from Verizon who said that he would send the Town a letter noting the date, time and location of the incident, but to date it has not been received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator