

May 6, 2013

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 Members Richard Walton and Gina Ellis and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from April 1, 2013 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$315,326.10

Mayor noted that Eric Ellis had installed the new parts for the bench by the parking lot.

Mayor Hull noted that the repairs to the stone work on the back of Town Hall were underway.

Mayor Hull noted that the WWI monument had been moved from Taylor Park to the cistern at Mt. Hebron Dr. and all agreed that it looked very nice.

Mr. Bishop relayed a request by a local resident/little league coach to have a back stop installed in the field by the library and an additional back stop installed at Brandenburg Field. He said that practice fields in south Washington County are at a premium. Mr. Bishop said that he checked with Washington County and the revenues from the Hotel/Motel tax could be used for the back stops. Mr. Levey suggested that the teams might be able to practice on the field at the Keedysville School. Discussion was also had on installing a fence around the field at the library.

Mr. Bishop presented a proposal for the FY 2014 Budget. He noted that real estate taxes, the main source of revenue for the Town, have declined, due to lowered assessments. He asked the Mayor & Council to review so that a budget could be adopted at the June meeting.

Mr. Bishop noted an upcoming meeting he would be having with Tony Crawford, the District Engineer for the Maryland State Highway Administration regarding sidewalks in Town.

Mr. Bishop noted that the bank holding the titles to the lots in Stonecrest had reimbursed the Town \$1500 for the mowing done in the fall of 2012. He also said the bank is working on getting a contractor to mow the property in the future and to install a chain across the entrance.

Dolores Slattery asked if the "rainwater tax" would be affecting the residents of Keedysville. She was told that currently it would not. Eventually it would.

Randy Burns asked if there were plans to put anything in the empty spot in Taylor Park where the WWI monument had been. Mayor Hull said yes that the Council had agreed that it would be replaced. The concept and design was to be decided.

Mr. Walton thanked those Council members and residents who had offered to donate to a reward fund for apprehension of the persons responsible for the arsons in Washington County. He noted that culprits had been apprehended before the fund even was started.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator