

May 7, 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 Matt Hull and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Dennis Weaver, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County swore in Assistant Mayor Barry Levey and Council Members Judy Kerns and Matt Hull

The minutes for April, 2018 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$324,561.30.

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Rob Smith discussed dog walking at Brandenburg Field. He and several residents noted that some residents that were not picking up after their dogs had moved out of Town. Alan Mullendore of AYAL said that they had noticed no problems and that his group was more than willing to share the field with dog walkers. A fence between the softball field and the rest of the field was discussed. Also, a dog park in the area by the library was discussed. For the time being, the Mayor & Council decided table the matter and to encourage the dog walkers and AYAL to "be good neighbors". Dogs are allowed in the outfield area.

Mr. Bishop noted that there is discussion between SHA and Congressional Contracting of one-way traffic for the upcoming project. He said that initially the plan was for one-way traffic in the 1,000 foot sections of construction, but now there was also discussion of one-way traffic for the entire length of Main Street. The Council did not like the entire length of Main Street being restricted. Any plan would need Council approval. Mr. Bishop said that representatives from the contractor had intended to be at the meeting. He said that he would go to SHA and let them know and if the contractor or SHA desired to come to a meeting and answer questions, they would be welcomed.

Alan Mullendore expressed concerns about the use of Brandenburg Field by SCLL. He noted several times that he felt they had misused the field and equipment. The Mayor said the Town would reach out to SCLL and ask them to take proper care of the field.

The purchase of the property at 15 South Main Street was discussed. Mr. Levey made a motion to offer \$72,000 for the property. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lord noted that Hotel Motel tax funds are available for the purchase.

Ms. Kerns discussed the 250th Anniversary Celebration plans. She said the Bowman Grant had been denied. She said that she spoke with Dan Spedden from the Hagerstown/Washington County Tourism Bureau offered to pay for the walking tour brochure. She said that the committee had reached out to the Washington County Commissioners and Dave Kline of First Energy and was hopeful that those agencies might assist with funding. She said that the entertainment confirmations were complete. Because the grant was denied, she wanted confirmation from the Council that they could proceed with plans. Mr. Hull made a motion for the Town to fund any shortfalls of funds for the celebration. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lord asked that the town sign matter be tabled. Ms. Ellis said that she would not be able to be at a workshop for the sign so she noted her desires for the sign.

Ms. Ellis made a motion to keep the tax rates for FY 2019 the same. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop gave the Council an FY2019 budget proposal and asked them to get back to him about possible changes before the next meeting. He said it would be good to have it ready at the June meeting for adoption at the July meeting.

Town Hall maintenance was discussed. Ms. Ellis said she thought brass kick plates would be good for the front door.

Ms. Kerns noted the debris at the dam.

Mr. Bishop noted a conversation he had with Bud Gudmundsen from the County GIS Department regarding street naming and numbering. Mr. Gudmundsen had said the County will be updating the 911 system and that they were desiring to take over final say on new street names and numbers and wanted to know if the Keedysville Town Council would be okay with that. The Council agreed.

Mr. Bishop noted the renewal package from Tele-Plus for the camera system in Taylor Park. The Council approved the renewal.

Ms. Ellis asked about repairing the lights in Taylor Park. Mr. Bishop said he had a spec sheet for the lights the contractor will be installing on Main Street so the lights in the park will be similar. Ms. Ellis also noted that trees had been planted and benches had been power washed.

Mr. Bishop read a thank from Cindy Brandenburg for the Town's donation to the Lupus Foundation.

Donny Ravas introduced himself and said he was running for Washington County Commissioner.

Mr. Mullendore thanked the Council for their support of AYAL and their use of Brandenburg Field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator