

June 7, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:01 pm with the following members present: Mayor Matt Hull, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council members Richard Walton and Victoria Gudeman, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from May 3, 2010 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$142,423.80.

Mayor Hull introduced Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski. He spoke about an Ethics Policy for the Town. After much discussion, it was decided that Mr. Kuczynski would provide copies of other municipality's ethics policies for the Council to review.

Administrator Bishop advised that the Town would receive \$5869.50 from FEMA for relief from the February 2010 snow storms.

Dog walking in the parks was updated. No complaints have been made.

Traffic calming in Cannon Ridge was discussed. It was mentioned that it should be considered with traffic calming on Main St. and Dogstreet Rd. because any change on one will affect the other. No parking zones on Main St. were discussed.

Attorney Kuczynski spoke at length about the Board of Zoning Appeals process and in particular about the Smith case with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Assistant Mayor Levey informed the residents that the availability of documents online was being worked on.

A proposed 2010-2011 budget was presented by Administrator Bishop. Council Member Gudeman requested that the \$5869.50 from FEMA be reflected as an additional Miscellaneous Income item. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Levey to adopt an emergency budget ordinance and was seconded by Council Member Gudeman. The ordinance was passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull, as a Water Commission member made a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 Water Commission Budget. Council Member Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Bishop related information about the Washington County Council of Governments and asked if any of the Council Members would like to be Keedysville's representative on the Council. The possibility of a rotating schedule for the Members was suggested.

Assistant Mayor Levey related information about the possible removal of the cistern at the intersection of Mt. Hebron Rd. and Main St. due to the hazard to children and traffic. Other options mentioned were to put a new cover on the cistern or to fill it in. A public meeting to discuss the matter will be scheduled in the near future.

Bids to install three benches, one picnic table and a trash can, all behind Town Hall were considered. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Levey to award the contract to the low bidder, Commercial Construction Services, Inc. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The change to the boundary between the properties of James & Rebecca Burtner and John & Cynthia Burtner was discussed. Planning & Zoning Chairman Tim Robertson said that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the change. Assistant Mayor Levey made a motion to approve the change. There was no second. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Hull asked the Council to consider the purchase of a tractor, at some point in the future, to mow the Storm Water Management ponds in the subdivisions.

Assistant Mayor Levey informed the Council of the need for a flat file to store plans and maps in. Assistant Mayor Levey made a motion to purchase it. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Because Monday, July 5th, the date of the next regularly scheduled Mayor & Council meeting is a holiday, Tuesday July 6th was chosen as the date for the meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Robertson asked that David Bajuscak be appointed to fill a vacancy of the Commission. Council Member Gudeman made a motion to approve the appointment. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Kuczynski asked that the Mayor & Council approve the agreement to move forward with the settlement with Martin Bostetter on the property for the Booster Pump Station. Council Member Walton made a motion to approve the agreement. Assistant Mayor Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull informed the Council and residents the County Commissioners would hold their regularly scheduled meeting at the Keedysville Town Hall on Tuesday, August 24th.

Cannon Ridge HOA Vice President David Bajuscak asked if Cannon Ridge might be allowed to install speed bumps completely with no assistance from the Town. It was reiterated by Mayor Hull and Assistant Mayor Levey that a comprehensive solution including Main St., Dogstreet Rd. and Cannon Ridge was being investigated.

Resident James Kerns asked a few questions about the bidding process for the mowing contracts..

Questions about dogs running loose in Town were raised.

A donation request for Fairview Cemetery was considered by the Mayor & Council. Assistant Mayor Levey moved to donate \$300.00. Council Member Gudeman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator