

July 2, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:10 pm with the following members present: Mayor Matt Hull, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Members Richard Walton, Victoria Gudeman and Gina Ellis and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from June 4, 2012 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$272,572.57

Mayor Hull noted the report from the Maryland Insurance Administration that would be available in Town Hall.

The 2013 WIP milestones for Keedysville, as prepared by Mr. Walton were presented to the Council.

The ordinance to accept the first three storm water management ponds in Cannon Ridge from Dan Ryan Builders was introduced. Mr. Levey made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Gudeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the restoration of the WWI monument structure. It was noted that photos taken of the inside of the cistern showed it to be in good condition. Ms. Gudeman suggested that an account for the Town be opened with a local vendor so that purchases of supplies for the restoration could be better tracked.

Regarding a question by Ms. Ellis at the June meeting, Mr. Bishop informed the attendees that the reason the Planning & Zoning actual expenditures in the FY2011 audit report was \$9227.00, while the budget line was only \$1000.00, was that the auditors, for lack of a better line to put it in, included the remittance of over \$8000.00 to Washington County in collected excise taxes in the line.

The June expenditures were reviewed. Ms. Gudeman asked about the pond mowing expense. Mr. Bishop said it was for one complete cut of the ponds. Ms. Gudeman asked about the status of the remaining two ponds in Cannon Ridge. Mr. Bishop said that when they were in good condition the process would take place to accept them. He said he hoped it would be soon. Mayor Hull noted the two payments for the sinkhole repair-one for the labor by Willow Run Farms and one for the concrete provided by Bolivar Ready Mix. Mr. Walton asked what the "EFTPS" expenses were. Mr. Bishop said that was the remittance of payroll taxes.

Mr. Hull noted that Board of Zoning appeals members terms had expired and needed to be appointed. He noted that the current members were Bryan Smith, Ed Williams and Gary Beachley and that Mary Robertson agreed to be an alternate. Mr. Walton made a motion to make the appoints as stated. Ms. Gudeman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop informed the attendees that he does not receive emails addressed to towncouncil@keedysvillemd.com. He receives emails at townhall@keedysvillemd.com.

Don Wiegel stated that he is in favor of expenditures for interaction among members of the Mayor & Council such as the Christmas Party, as long as they are within reason. He said he felt that such interaction was in his best interest. Ms. Ellis said that she did not think it was a negative expenditure, but that she didn't think the Town should pay for it. She thought that the members should pay for it themselves. Terry Thomson said that he didn't see a problem with it because the members do a lot of work throughout the year. He felt it was an appreciation dinner. Ms. Gudeman said she has worked in other municipalities and they had Christmas dinners and the employees were treated but spouses were not. They always had to for spouses and significant others.

Robert Wilkins asked about the status of the sign dedicating the ball field to Lee Brandenburg. He was told the sign was being designed.

Mr. Wilkins asked who enforces the animal control ordinance. Mr. Hull told him it was Washington County. Mr. Levey suggested that pictures with date and time stamps be taken.

Mr. Wilkins asked about getting the weeds along Mt. Vernon Dr. cut. Mr. Thomson asked about getting the weeds in Stone Crest cut. Mr. Levey said weed letters would be sent to the owners.

Ms. Ellis asked about having the area behind the Red Byrd where the motel sat cleaned up by the owner. Mr. Hull said he would call the owner.

Ms. Gudeman made a motion to donate \$100.00 to ARC. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator