

August 1, 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 Judy Kerns, Gina Ellis, and Matt Hull and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for July, 2018 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$415,832.19.

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

The purchase of the property at 15 South Main Street was discussed. It was noted that there had been no movement by the owner regarding the Town's initial offer. It was suggested for the Mayor to give the owner a call to discuss.

The signs for either end of Town were discussed. It was noted that at July's meeting, the Members in attendance, Mr. Levey, Ms. Kerns & Mr. Hull all agreed that as the July minutes state, "they would be happy would be happy with the signs in the same locations as they currently are using a smaller sign on the south end of town to accommodate the property owner and a sign with composite construction on the north end of town to accommodate SHA." Ms. Kerns made a motion to move forward with the project as stated in the July minutes. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kerns gave an update on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. She noted that Washington County Commissioner Wayne Keefer encouraged her to submit a grant proposal to the county for support for the celebration. She said she submitted the proposal for \$1,000.00. She said Laura Oates is designing rack cards. She added that Dan Spedden of the Hagerstown Washington County Convention & Visitor's Bureau would finance the cards. She said that the food pavilion would be straightened up on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The tour brochure would be finalized and go to the printer on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The postmark has been approved. She praised the work of James Favata in putting together the video and she suggested that the Town should increase is remuneration. She said that AYAL will provide the games for children. Sue Gemeny said that the bus was scheduled to take people to the Geeting House. Ms. Gemeny added that the owner of the house, Clayton Waring was putting together a brochure about the house and its history. Mayor Lord asked if a tent had been procured. She said not yet. She said the next meeting would be in two weeks.

Mr. Bishop said that Jason Simmons had been paid an \$800.00 deposit to begin the work refinishing the doors on Town Hall and work should begin in the next few weeks.

The monument recognizing those who have served in the Gulf Wars was discussed. Mr. Hull expressed his desire to place the monument in the park where the other monument previously stood. He presented a sketch of a proposed design. He said the granite options were light gray granite at \$8000.00, dark gray granite at \$8,700.00 and black granite at \$11,400.00. He said he preferred the black granite. He suggested that the name of Patrick Roy, a Keedysville resident who died on the USS Cole, be placed on the monument. He said he appreciates the sacrifices that have been made. He said the proposed wording is "Dedicated to all those who gave so much in the fight against terrorism in both Gulf wars and to those who gave all." He said the wording could be changed. It was suggested that along with Mr. Roy's name some space might be left for the possibility of additional names. Mr. Hull made a motion to proceed with the monument in black granite, Mr. Roy's name, leaving space for additional names a specified on the design presented (attached here). Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Elizabeth Paul introduced herself as a candidate for Washington County Commissioner. She said she would be happy to talk with anyone after the meeting.

Ms. Ellis said that a permanent outfield fence should be placed on Brandenburg Field. She presented sketch showing the placement of the fence. She said that she thinks dogs should be kept off the ball field and in the grass area beyond the field. She added that she would like to put a solar lighted flagpole beyond the centerfield fence with a plaque dedicating the pole to her parents. Mr. Hull expressed concern about a

permanent fence restricting the use of the field by other groups when the softball league was not using it. Allen Mullendore of AYAL, suggested that the fence might cost \$3000.00 - \$3,500.00. He said that his league would pay for it. Ms. Ellis made a motion to install a permanent chain link outfield fence. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed four to one with Mr. Hull dissenting. Ms. Ellis made a motion to be allowed to install a 25' solar lighted flagpole beyond the centerfield fence with a plaque dedicating the pole to her parents that her family would pay for. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Children's Village. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to appoint Mr. Hull as ex officio member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Parking for the AYAL tournament ball games was discussed. Mr. Mullendore spoke about where participants are directed to park. He said they have been told to park by the library, the side of the parking lot by the stonewall and Main Street. He said for that he did allow parking in the grass past the outfield fence for some elderly guests because it was very hot and he did not want to ask them to walk from the library. It was noted that a resident on Main Street had been upset that someone parked in front of his house. It was noted that Main Street is a state road. The Mayor asked for better coordination for large events such as tournament games and thanked Mr. Mullendore because he has adequately addressed every concern the Council has had.

Deana Usary, the Keedysville librarian asked for the water fountain at the library to be repaired. She also asked for the carpet to be cleaned.

Ms. Kerns expressed concerns about the debris piled on the dam. Mr. Hull said that until the grounds dries up, the debris can't be removed because equipment would sink into the ground.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.  
Submitted,  
Richard Bishop  
Town Administrator