

August 2, 2010

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 Victoria Gudeman and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from July 7, 2010 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$221,069.83.

Mayor Hull noted that copies of other local municipalities ethics policies had recently been received from Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski's office and would be reviewed by the Council for discussion at the September Mayor and Council Meeting.

A motion to adopt the Town of Keedysville Comprehensive Plan 2010 was made by Assistant Mayor Levey and seconded by Council Member Walton. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Mayor Levey discussed traffic calming at the intersection of Dogstreet Rd. and Main Street and on Sumter Dr. in Cannon Ridge. He noted that the Maryland State Highway Administration did a study of the Dogstreet Rd. and Main Street intersection and said that no additional signage or other remedies are warranted at the intersection. Steve Cvijanovich of Davis Renn & Associates is looking to see if the Town has any other recourse in relation to the intersection. Assistant Mayor Levey also noted that, relating to Sumter Dr., a roundabout is not a viable option. He noted that both the Speed Sentry unit and Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are recording traffic speeds. The cost of painting lines on Sumter Dr. will be researched.

The residents were reminded of the public hearing on the Cistern removal on Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 in Town Hall.

A motion to adopt a resolution transferring \$664,623.00 from the Corporation General Fund to the Water Commission accounts was made by Asst. Mayor Levey and seconded by Council Member Walton. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adopt a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) resolution was made by Mayor Hull and seconded by Asst. Mayor Levey. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to increase the water rate was made by Council Member Walton and seconded by Asst. Mayor Levey. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Bishop presented a report from Davis Renn & Associates for an estimate of \$106,605.00 for bringing the storm water management ponds in the Stonecrest subdivision into compliance. It was suggested to use this amount as a lien on the properties.

Jim Kerns asked for all of the grounds in the Stonecrest subdivision to be mowed.

John Burtner requested that his proposed property line adjustment, that had previously been presented to the Mayor & Council, be approved. Asst. Mayor Levey continued his motion from the June 7, 2010 Mayor & Council meeting to approve the adjustment. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Asst. Mayor Levey made a motion to donate up to \$450.00 for rentals from Ted's Rent-It-Center for the Keedysville Ruritan Festival.

Don Weigel noted that Asst. Mayor Levey's service to the Town, particularly with regards to the Water Infrastructure Upgrade, had been invaluable and was greatly appreciated.

Council Member Gudeman gave a report on the Washington County Council of Governments meeting that she attended. Recycling was discussed and it was noted that there was a problem with boxes being broken down before going into the recycle bin. Gina Ellis noted that the division in the recycle been of 2/3 for bottles & plastic and 1/3 for paper didn't seem to work. It was suggested that it might be more effective to divide it half and half.

Washington County Commissioner Kristin Aleshire spoke briefly about recycling, particularly curbside recycling. He noted the program where residents receive credits in the form of coupons for area businesses as incentive to recycle. Don Weigel said he was very opposed to a program that favors one business over another.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator