October 4, 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, Rob Smith and Victoria Gudeman and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from September 7, 2010 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$227,831.62

An Ethics Policy was discussed. After much discussion, Council Member Gudeman made a motion to move forward. Council Member Smith seconded. Council Members Gudeman and Smith voted for and Council Members Levey and Walton abstained. For clarification, Assistant Mayor Levey made a second motion to explore a more in depth procurement process, do more research and get another ethics ordinance from another jurisdiction and find a another procurement process. Council Member Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull discussed the walk-through of Main St. with Linda Puffenburger of the Maryland State Highway Administration in regards to the possibility of SHA assistance with sidewalk replacement.

Line painting in Cannon Ridge was discussed. Assistant Mayor Levey made a motion to apply 10 stop bars and yellow center lines from the intersection of So. Main St. and Yankee Dr. going left onto Sumter Dr. up to Dogstreet Rd. Additionally, if the Cannon Ridge Homeowner's Association would like white side lines applied along the same stretch, they would need to obtain written approval from all homeowner's along the stretch and the HOA would be responsible for the additional cost. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Mayor Levey moved to accept the proposed agreement with Larry Baker relating to the property for the Booster Pump Station as written as long as no substantial changes are needed. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull discussed the need for a weapons ordinance in the Town. Mayor Hull asked for a motion to have the Town Attorney draw up an ordinance that allowed for no discharging of firearm within the Town except in the case of protection of one's self, family or property. Assistant Mayor Levey moved that the Town Attorney draw up a gun ordinance according to the specifications the Mayor mentioned. Council Member Walton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Mayor Levey made a motion to adopt a resolution, at request of the Maryland Municipal League, to urge the Maryland General Assembly to reinstate full funding for highway user revenues and to sign legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues. Council Member Gudeman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull informed the Council that an unmanned vehicle ran over the sign at the library. The owner of the vehicle agreed to pay for replacement of the sign.

Mayor Hull informed the Council that draft Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) had been received from FEMA for comments from the Town. The residents are encouraged to review them and comment on them.

Sue Gemeny asked about the agreement with Comcast, the cable provider for Keedysville, because of disappointment with Comcast's service. She was informed that a change in the provider of cable service was unlikely.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Submitted, Richard Bishop Town Administrator