November 7, 2011

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 Member Tim Robertson and Town Administrator Rick Bishop. Council Member Richard Walton arrived at 7:45pm.

Minutes from October 3, 2011 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$276,688.46

Mayor Hull noted the announcement regarding the trash pick-up schedule for the week of Thanksgiving.

J.P. Philips, General Manager of Apple Valley Waste, spoke about curbside recycling. He explained how the transition would be handled. After discussion, Mr. Robertson made a motion to switch from twice per week trash pick-up and once per week yard waste pick-up to once per week trash pick-up, once per week recycling pick-up and once per week yard waste pick-up with no change in cost. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hull noted that the heat pump at the library had been installed and was in use. Due to the difficulty in finding a contractor to do the work within the guidelines for the MEA grant, the work was done without the grant.

Mayor Hull noted that the culvert at Bedrock Lane would be repaired within the week, weather permitting.

Discussion of what in town to dedicate to Lee Brandenburg's many years of service continued. Mr. Levey made a motion to move forward with a freestanding sign naming the ball field after Mr. Brandenburg. Mr. Robertson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop informed the council that he will contact Potomac Edison regarding when the street light replacement on Main St. will take place.

Mr. Bishop requested that the Mayor & Council consider extending the contract with Randy's Multi-Services for mowing of the park areas, for two years according to the proposal submitted by Randy Heavner, owner. After a brief discussion, it was decided to continue the discussion next month.

There was discussion regarding mowing the storm water management ponds in Rockingham & Cannon Ridge. It was noted that in addition to the ponds in Rockingham, three of the ponds would come under the jurisdiction of the town as soon as Dan Ryan transferred the deeds and the other two ponds in Cannon Ridge were scheduled to come under the jurisdiction of the town in the summer of 2012. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast was discussed. The proposed agreement, provided by Comcast, had a number of clauses that concerned the Mayor & Council. It was agreed to ask Ed Kuczynski to work directly with Comcast to come up with an agreement acceptable to both parties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted, Richard Bishop Town Administrator