

December 3, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Mayor Matt Hull, Council Members Richard Walton, Victoria Gudeman and Gina Ellis and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from November 5, 2012 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$301,202.00.

Mayor Hull noted that there has been no movement on the land swap deal with Miguel Cid, the Comcast franchise agreement.

Mayor Hull read the motion from the minutes of June 3, 2012, made by Assistant Mayor Barry Levey regarding the World War I monument. The minutes read as follows: Mr. Levey made a motion to move forward with World War I monument restoration with Ms. Gudeman as the lead and to use the Hotel/Motel funds for the project. Mayor Hull then said that the question he had was did that motion mean to move the monument back or just to restore the cistern portion. Mr. Walton said the motion did not say to move it, just to restore the location. Mayor Hull said that was what he believed it meant. Ms. Gudeman said she understood it to mean that there would be no point in restoring it if it were not going to be put back together again. She questioned why we would spend the money to just leave an empty spot. Mr. Hull said we would be leaving another empty spot. Ms. Ellis said that the monument needs to go back to where it was originally. Mr. Walton said that the whole point of the monument is to honor the war dead in a fashion that everyone could agree with. Mr. Walton said that there was clearly no agreement on what should be done and that he felt the matter should be given further thought and study and not rush to make a decision that would clearly upset some. The matter would be picked up at a later date.

Mr. Bishop presented a draft Septic Tier map to the Mayor & Council for approval. Mayor Hull introduced a resolution to adopt the map for Keedysville. Mr. Walton made a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gudeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ellis said that she did some research and that no other Towns, that she could find, pay for spouses to go to MML dinners and that no other Towns have Christmas parties that are paid for by the Town. She asked how much the last Christmas party cost, who was in attendance and would the practice continue. Mayor Hull said yes the practice would probably continue. Mr. Walton said Town attorney Ed Kuczynski was there. Ms. Ellis asked why the Town Attorney was there, because the Town pays him a lot of money. Mr. Bishop said the Christmas dinner cost \$822.49. Bryan Smith said that he thought the Mayor & Council were underpaid for what they do and he had no problem with the Town paying for the Christmas dinner and the spouses at the MML dinners. Ms. Ellis said that the taxpayers should not have to pay for the Christmas dinner or spouses to go to the MML dinners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator