December 5, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:01pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Members Gina Ellis, Judy Kerns and David Bajuscak and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

Minutes from November, 2016 were read and approved.

General Fund Report was \$268,732.60.

Mayor Lord noted the announcements as listed on the agenda.

Tad Holt asked if it would be okay to place a mirror on the telephone pole, in front of 2 No. Main St., so that vehicles pulling onto Main St. from Taylor drive could better see oncoming traffic. He was advised that Potomac Edison would be contacted to find out if it was permitted.

Mr. Holt also asked if it would be okay for him to host a holiday event on the railbed next to 2 No. Main St. The Council said yes.

Sue Gemeny said that the Civil War Heritage Area was looking for Keedysville to become part of it. The Town would need to amend its Comprehensive Plan to do this.

Ms. Gemeny also asked if it would be okay to put a book exchange drop on a concrete pad in front of Town Hall. The Council asked for a design plan to be provided.

Mr. Bishop noted that the Hess Bridge historic sign had been installed.

Mr. Bajuscak made a motion to release Dan Ryan Builders from \$81,875.00 of the bond for Stonecrest. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to install a speed hump on Sumter Drive at the intersection with Yankee Drive as part of the next repaving project in the Town. Mr. Bajuscak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Keedysville Community Center to defray the cost of a new boiler. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to appoint Matt Hull and Barry Levey as voting members and Ken Lord, Gina Ellis, Judy Kerns and David Bajuscak as alternates to the Boonsboro/Keedysville Regional Water Board. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop discussed the Income Tax misallocation by the State of Maryland for the years 2010-2014. He said that some localities had been under allocated and some had been over allocated. Keedysville had been under allocated. \$256,422.00. He said that the funds had been transferred from the State to the Town via ACH.

Ms. Kerns made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Maryland Municipal League to defray the cost of its legislative activities. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ellis made a motion to name the street in Taylor Park, Park Circle. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop informed the Mayor & Council that he had been contacted by the Maryland Environmental Trust and told that Ben Estes is interested in placing the portion of his property that is east of the Water Treatment Plant in a conservation easement. He said that for MET to approve, they would want a resolution from the Town stating support for placing the property in the easement. The Council would take it under advisement.

Ms. Gemeny asked about a start date for the SHA Main St. project. She was told that the estimated start date had recently been pushed back to Spring 2018.

Philip Post expressed that he felt preservation should be a very important priority of the Town, in particular regard to the Civil War Heritage Area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Submitted, Richard Bishop Town Administrator