

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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*Ken Lord, Mayor*  
*Barry Levey, Assistant Mayor*  
*Gina Ellis, Council Member*  
*Judy Kerns, Council Member*  
*Matthew Hull, Council Member*

March 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Barry Levey, Council Members Judy Kerns, Gina Ellis, and Matt Hull.

The minutes for February, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$210,981.79.

Ms. Kerns noted that Washington County has nominated the Town and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for the John Frye Historic Advocacy Award for the historic preservation work done in preparing for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Keedysville celebration.

Ms. Kerns asked if the historical data compiled by James Favata for the anniversary celebration had been given to the Town yet. Mayor Lord said that he believed that was in process and it would be at Town Hall soon.

Dian Thomson presented the Council with a list of expected costs for the celebration tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2019. The total was \$1,500.00. She noted that Middletown Valley Bank might donate funds to help cover the costs. Mr. Levey made a motion to proceed with the Keedysville Homecoming celebration on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Matt Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lord said the closing on the property at 15 South Main Street has taken place.

Mayor Lord noted that the development of the new website is ongoing. Ms. Ellis said she had sent to Rick Bishop a couple of items that might be included on the site. Mr. Hull suggested that things can and will be added to the site.

Mayor Lord discussed the Keedysville signs. He said that the quotes from HBP were much higher than he expected. Mr. Levey expressed concerns about a replacement cost should the sign be damaged. Ms. Kerns asked if the Town could obtain quotes from other firms. Mr. Lord wanted to know how much the Town currently owes HBP for work already done. Mr. Levey noted that the project will need to be put out for bid. The matter was tabled to gather more information.

Regarding the SHA Main Street project, Mayor Lord noted that the bonding company has the project out to bid. He added that C. William Hetzer did not put in a bid.

Ms. Kerns noted the scholarship for the MML Summer Conference. Mayor Lord said with, or without the scholarship, the Town will support her attendance.

The Stonecrest Maintenance Bond was discussed. Mr. Levey said that it is not in good faith that Dan Ryan Builders (DRB) would say that Use & Occupancy letters were issued so any issues with meter crocks should have been noted at that time. Mr. Hull said that, while DRB may not install the street lights they offered, they should make the repairs to the meter crocks. He added that he is concerned that not taking ownership of the ponds and streets will hold up other projects. Mr. Levey made a motion that DRB complete the repairs listed on the October 22, 2019 letter to DRB. Mr. Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull discussed the repairs needed for the Town roads. Mr. Levey noted that Mt. Hebron Road is in need of repaving. Mayor Lord noted that Mr. Bishop had requested the Council to come up with a priority list of needed repairs so that a 2-3 year plan for repairs could be created. Dian Thomson noted an area on Mt. Vernon Lane where water has been puddling.

Mr. Hull discussed the Subdivision Ordinance Waivers for 28 Antietam Drive. He said that the Planning & Zoning Commission has the power to grant waivers for parts of the ordinance. He noted that the Commission has granted certain waivers and the Council needs to concur. Justin Holder, the property owner discussed the matter. Mr. Hull made a motion to waive the preliminary steps of the Subdivision Ordinance. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Levey did not vote. Mr. Hull made a motion to waive the 80' road frontage requirement of the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Levey did not vote. Mr. Hull made a motion to wave the right-of-way requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Levey did not vote.

Mr. Hull discussed Little Antietam streambank restoration. He said he has met with a contractor that does that type of work. Mr. Hull said the areas under consideration for restoration are on both sides of the creek from the Main Street bridge to the dam and on the Town Hall side of the creek from the dam to the Coffman Farms Road bridge. He said that the contractor gave an estimate of \$30,000.00 for design work and permitting and 200-250 thousand dollars for the work. Mr. Hull noted that the Town is required to do work to enhance the Chesapeake Bay clean-up. Mr. Levey made a motion to prepare a scope of work for the project. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hull noted that Myersville, Middletown and Washington County have all done similar projects. Mr. Levey suggested that the Town could work with some of those entities to get language for a scope of work.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Green Fest. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$150.00 to Washington County Special Olympics. Mr. Hull seconded. Motion passed. Unanimously.

Ms. Kerns noted that the streetlight at the end of South Main Street is out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator