

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Ken Lord, Mayor
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Matthew Hull, Council Member

April 3, 2019

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

The minutes for March, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$136,740.01

Asst. Mayor Levey noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

A number of residents of the Stonecrest subdivision were in attendance to discuss pedestrian lighting at the entrance, by the mailbox cluster and throughout the subdivision. There was a consensus to place lights at the mailbox cluster and at the entrance. There were residents that wanted lights throughout the subdivision and those that didn't. Those that desired the lights cited safety and resale value of the homes. Those opposed cited the existence of pole lights on each property and not wanting the lights shining into their homes. Mr. Levey said the Town would get a cost estimate from Potomac Edison for lights. Matt Powell of Dan Ryan Builders said that the transformers are stubbed out for pedestrian lighting.

The Maintenance Bond for Stonecrest was discussed. Mr. Levey noted several water-related utility issues, including meter cock lids that were below grade and a leak in the meter cock at 114 Stonecrest Circle. Mr. Powell said that it is DRB's intent to make the repairs. He added that this was the first he had heard of the leak at 114 Stonecrest Circle. Mr. Levey said he would make another walk-through doing leak detection.

Dian Thomson discussed the Keedysville Homecoming planned for Saturday, September 28 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. She said arrangements for food and performers have been made. She asked if the Town would approach Middletown Valley Bank to see if the bank would be willing to fund part of the celebration. She was told yes.

Mr. Bishop noted that the new website was being propagated and would be up and running later in the evening.

Mr. Bishop noted that the closing for the purchase of the property at 15 South Main Street has taken place. Mr. Bishop asked what the Council wanted to be in the RFP for demolition and clearing of the lot. Mr. Hull made a motion to develop an RFP to demolish the building, clear the lot leaving 10' asphalt from Main St and grading and seeding the remainder of the lot. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Keedysville signs were not discussed.

Mr. Bishop gave an update on the SHA Main Street project. He said the process of procuring a new contractor was ongoing.

Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the final plat for the subdivision at 28 Antietam Drive. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Levey did not vote.

Streambank restoration was tabled until May.

The desire to lease the small part of the property behind Town Hall to Fairview Cemetery was discussed. Mr. Bishop said that Ed Kuczynski said language should be added that nothing may be done to alter the property without prior approval from the Town Council and that no remains may be placed there. Mr. Bishop noted that an ordinance must be passed to enter into the agreement and it will be a two month process.

Ms. Ellis made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Boonsboro Fishing Derby. Mr. Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Southern Cove Fire Department in honor of Matt Hull's father, Clay Hull. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Hull did not vote.

Ms. Kern's made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Ruritan Strawberry Festival. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull made a motion to use \$8,200.00 of the Town's Hotel Motel tax funds to restore the Pry Quilt. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Smith expressed concern about the parking situation for the upcoming opening day for the Antietam Youth Athletic League softball season. He encouraged the Council to go to the area on opening day and see the parking situation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator