

# 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*

May 8, 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 and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for April, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$82,752.78

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Deputy Tracey Peyton gave an update on deputy patrols for the month. Ms. Kerns noted that the residents appreciate seeing the deputy walking around Town.

Tony Crawford, Devin Miller & Chris Perkins of SHA and Dave Mitchell of AMT Engineering gave an update on the status of the Main Street Project. They said the new contractor is AJ Romano. They said work would begin on the wall at 94 South Main Street before full mobilization of the project. They said work was expected to begin in early June.

Stonecrest pedestrian lighting was discussed. Ms. Ellis made a motion to install 7 pedestrian lights at the transformers around Stonecrest Circle, 1 pedestrian light across the street from the mailbox cluster and a street light at the intersection of Dogstreet Road and Stonecrest Circle. Mr. Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Release of the pond & road bond in Stonecrest and deeding of the same to the Town was discussed. The Council decided to resend DRB the list of deficiencies and ask them to make the repairs with the addition the leak repair at 114 Stonecrest Circle and the of SWM pond #2 that has clogged pickup boxes that are filled with sediment from construction runoff.

The demolition of the building at 15 South Main Street was discussed. The waterline from the meter to the building will be abandoned.

Mayor Lord said that more research needs to be done for the Keedysville signs because of the excessive cost.

An ordinance to lease a small piece of property behind Town Hall to Fairview Cemetery for a term of 99 years for a cost of \$1.00 was introduced.

Mr. Hull said, regarding the Little Antietam streambank restoration between the Main Street bridge and Coffman Farm Road, that he contacted County Commission President, Jeff Kline for assistance from Washington County.

Ms. Ellis asked for the cameras in the park to be checked to see if it can be determined who damaged the buckeye tree.

Mr. Bishop asked Ms. Kerns what should be done about paying for Keedysville attendees to the John Frye Historic Preservation Awards luncheon. She said that they should all be at no charge, but the Town could reimburse someone if they paid.

Mr. Bishop said that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a subdivision plan requested by David Griffith for two of his properties at 16 Antietam Drive. Per the plan the smaller lot would be absorbed by the larger lot. He asked if the Council would approve the subdivision. It was noted that on a separate piece of property that Mr. Griffith owns, there are numerous pieces of junk. The Council asked that the junk be cleared before the subdivision be approved.

Mr. Hull made a motion to approve a resolution to adopt the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull made a motion to make no changes to the Keedysville tax rates for FY2020. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance to adopt the FY2020 Keedysville Operating budget was introduced.

Mr. Levey made a motion to accept the service contract with Tele Plus for the cameras in Taylor Park. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hull made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Fairview Cemetery. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Ms. Ellis abstained.

Mr. Bishop read donation thank-you's from Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Company and the Keedysville Historic Society.

Mr. Levey made a motion to donate \$200.00 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in memory of Shirley Bishop, Mr. Bishop's mother. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator