

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

September 4, 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 Gina Ellis and Matt Hull and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for August, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$222,943.86

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Deputy Peyton gave an update on his activity in Town for the month of August.

Rich Skilton of Southern Corrosion Engineered Tank Care spoke at length about water tank maintenance. He presented a proposal for scheduled tank maintenance specific to the Town's water storage tank. His company did a repair to the tank and inspected it at the same time. He said the tank is in good condition. He gave the Town a CD with pictures of the inspection. He suggested that for the longevity of the tank it should be on a regular maintenance plan for inspections, cleaning and painting. He offered to provide a sample RFP for the Town to put the project out to bid.

Mr. Hull made a motion to accept the bid of \$78,995.00 from Huntzberry Brothers for the Taylor Drive & Parking Lot Paving project. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop asked the Council for a wish list of items Romano Construction could provide in exchange for the use of the property at 15 South Main Street for storage. In order of priority were, pavement sealing in Town, tree removal in Taylor Park and installation of a speed hump in Cannon Ridge.

Mr. Bishop noted that three pedestrian lights have been installed in Stonecrest. He said he was waiting to hear from Potomac Edison regarding installation of the remaining 4 pedestrian lights and the street light at the intersection of Stonecrest Circle and Dogstreet Road.

Mr. Bishop noted a low spot on Mt. Vernon Lane that water pools in. He asked for input on what might be done to correct the situation. It was decided that when the Antietam Waterline work is done that the problem be further investigated. Mayor Lord reiterated his desire to come up with a priority list of road repairs needing to be done.

Mr. Levey made a motion to install a speed hump in Cannon Ridge at the intersection of Sumter Drive and Yankee Drive. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lord noted that he had recently reviewed the Nuisance Ordinance enacted by Smithsburg and suggested a similar ordinance might be a good thing for Keedysville to enact. It was noted that recent incidents have spurred the idea. Deputy Peyton noted that any infractions would be a civil matter between the Town and the property owner. Mr. Levey stressed that currently, the Town has no ordinance to deal with problem properties. Mr. Bishop suggested that Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski should meet with the Council to discuss that matter. The Council asked him to see if Mr. Kuczynski could attend the October meeting.

Ms. Ellis asked if alleys in Town could be made One Way streets on a temporary basis while the SHA Main Street project is being constructed.

Ms. Ellis noted that the Ebenezer AME church would be in Keedysville on September 28th at the Homecoming Celebration. She said they will be doing reconstructive work at an African American cemetery in Keedysville.

Ms. Ellis made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Children's Village of Washington County. Mr. Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop read a thank you from Sue Gemeny to the Town for her certificate of recognition presented to her by the Washington County Commissioners.

Dian Thomson discussed the Homecoming Celebration. She distributed rack cards with an event listing. She asked if a thank you note had been sent to Middletown Valley Bank for their donation to the celebration. She noted that she needed to see what signs are available from last year.

Sue Gemeny gave an update about the Keedysville Quilt restoration. She said she is meeting with restorers in Town on Saturday, Sept. 14 to try and find a place to display the quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator