

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Ken Lord, Mayor
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Judy Kerns, Council Member
Matthew Hull, Council Member

October 2, 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, Judy Kerns and Matt Hull, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski and Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for September, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$222,481.12

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lord thanked Ms. Kerns and Dian Thomson for their work on the Homecoming Celebration.

Deputy Peyton gave an update on activity in Keedysville for the past month. Mayor Lord thanked him for his assistance at the Homecoming Celebration.

Mr. Kuczynski spoke about the possible creation of a nuisance ordinance. He noted the difficulty defining what a nuisance is. He said an ordinance is very limited in what it can do and withstand constitutional muster. He noted that Hagerstown has enacted an ordinance that deals with the number of emergency calls to a property. He also noted that if actions at a property are a nuisance to the neighbors, the neighbors can take civil action. He said the objective of a nuisance ordinance for the Town would be to place a financial burden on the property owner for activities that take place on their property that are deemed to be nuisances. He said It would be a necessity to have any ordinance uniformly enforced. He said that, in the event of a disturbance, residents should be encouraged to contact the police and if it becomes intolerable, the residents could file a civil suit against the offender. Further investigation into the matter is required.

Mr. Bishop said that the Taylor Drive paving would happen soon. He said he would try to get something more definite from Huntzberry.

Mr. Bishop said that a speed hump would probably not be done anytime soon by Romano Construction. The Council asked that the speed hump be installed by Huntzberry Bros. Mr. Hull made a motion to ask for \$400.00 per month for rental of 15 S. Main St. by Romano Construction. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop noted that Matt Powell, the resident at 166 Stonecrest Circle, had regraded the berm behind his house, within the utility easement. Terry Thomson, the resident of an adjoining property said that the compaction of the soil there was damaging the roots of his trees. Mr. Kuczynski said that regrading the berm is not allowed and the Town should issue a corrective order to return the ground to the condition it was originally in per the storm water management plan. He also noted that any action regarding damage to trees because of compaction of the soil would be a civil action between the Mr. Thomson and Mr. Powell. He suggested a site visit and contacting an engineer.

Mr. Bishop said the Speed Sentry was updated and charged. Mayor Lord asked that it initially be placed in on Sumter Drive.

Ms. Ellis said that Eric Ellis removed the Christmas tree in the park because it had become diseased. Mr. Hull made a motion to purchase a replacement tree. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A new design for the Keedysville signs, utilizing the existing supports, would be sought from HBP.

Sue Gemeny noted that she and Karen Gardiner are working on the HCWHA grant for the Keedysville Quilt restoration. She asked for a letter of support noting the Town's willingness to pay for half of the cost of the restoration. A letter would be executed.

Mr. Levey made a motion to seek quotes to replace the blinds at the library. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Thomson asked that a letter be sent to Sheriff Doug Mullendore thanking him for the hard work Deputy Peyton did at the Homecoming Celebration and around Town in general.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator