

# 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*

January 8, 2020

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 December, 2019 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$72,856.98.

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Mr. Levey gave the Community Deputy report.

Bud Gudmundson and Jennifer Kinzer, from the Washington County GIS office discussed the need for several address changes in Keedysville as found by his office and the desire by the Washington County Commissioners to enter into an MOU with the Town granting the County final say on all street names and addresses. The changes are advised because of confusing and duplicate street names and mis-numbered residences that could cause delays in the event of an emergency services response. The list is attached here. He noted that suggested solutions were included on the list. Mr. Hull made a motion to adopt the MOU with Washington County. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Taylor Park Tree Removal bids were discussed. Mr. Levey made a motion to accept the Advanced Tree Solutions bid. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The SHA Main Street project pedestrian lighting was discussed at length. The Mayor & Council felt they should have been better informed as to the brightness of the lights that were to be installed. They agreed that they had asked for a warmer light than was being installed. Ms. Ellis did say that she is okay with the lights as installed. Jodie Andros of 58 S. Main St. said that the brightness of the lights was causing difficulty sleeping. Sandy Burton of 38 S. Main St., expressed concerns about the effects of light pollution. Amy Simmons of 20 S. Main St. said that she likes the lights as they are. Suggestions for mitigation included frosted globes, shields, changing the wattage of the lights and working with placement of the as yet to be installed lights. Mayor Lord said he is working with the contractor to find out the Town's options and possible costs.

Mayor Lord asked about the uninstalled pedestrian light and street light in Stonecrest. Mr. Bishop said he would contact Potomac Edison.

Mayor Lord is waiting for HBP for the signs. Sue Gemeny asked how big the sign for the Ruritan Club should be. Mayor Lord said 18"-24".

Mr. Hull made a motion to reappoint Mary Robertson as alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Kerns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop noted the request by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for Town events to be included in their annual calendar. There were none.

Ms. Gemeny asked whether or not the book dropped could be installed in front of Town Hall. She was told yes.

Ms. Gemeny gave an update on the Keedysville Quilt Restoration.

Mayor Lord noted a scholarship being offered by the Maryland Municipal League.

Ms. Simmons asked about plans for 15 S. Main St. after the SHA contractor is finished using it for material and equipment storage. She was told plans are being worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator