

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Judy Kerns, Council Member
Matthew Hull, Council Member

November 4, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Council Members Matt Hull and Brandon Sweeney, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski Town Administrator Rick Bishop.

The minutes for October, 2020 were approved.

General Fund report was \$167,275.08

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

There was no Community Deputy Report.

The Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance was introduced. The proposed text amendments were read. Mr. Hull made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Sweeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The proposed text amendments are included with these minutes.

It was noted that the seal coating at the basketball court and library parking lot has been completed.

Mr. Bishop noted that the replacement play equipment for the park has been ordered.

Mr. Hull gave an update on the streambank stabilization. He noted the meeting held onsite with Washington County Soil Conservation District and Ecotone, a design-build company. Mr. Bishop noted the timeline discussed during the meeting. The project will take approximately 4-5 years.

Community volunteers were not discussed.

Mr. Bishop noted that the repairs to Town Hall are expected to be completed in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Bishop noted that the interested bidders for the Trash Removal Contract are Apple Valley Waste, Waste Management and Republic Services. He noted that there is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 at 10:00am and bids are due Wednesday, November 25. He said that he and Lisa Riner would open the bids.

Mayor Lord introduced Lisa Riner as a new Town employee.

Mr. Bishop noted that a post on the food pavilion failed and had been replaced. He added that the other posts on the pavilion and on one other pavilion should also be replaced. Mr. Kuczynski suggested that it might be a Program Open Space grant opportunity.

Mr. Lord asked if there was any update on the car charging stations at the library. Mr. Bishop said the electric was run and the bases for the stations were in place. He added he had not heard from Potomac Edison as to when the stations would be installed.

Mr. Bishop gave a summary of an email received from Justin Holder. The entire email is included with these minutes.

Mr. Sweeney asked about the Community Organization Funding Grants opportunity. Mr. Bishop said he had spoken with the Washington County Grants office and understood that these grants were awarded at the discretion of the Washington County Commissioners and were not available to the municipalities.

Mr. Bishop noted that to apply grants, specific plans and uses must first be made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted,

Richard Bishop

Town Administrator

From: Justin Holder <jholder2004@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Town Hall
Cc: Ken Lord; Town of Keedysville; Brandon Sweeney; Judy Kerns;
hullscraneservice@hotmail.com
Subject: Public comments for the November meeting of Mayor and council (justice for all) please respect my 1st amendment

As the winter monthes approach it is disheartening that the threat of a virus has dampened the spirits and ambition of citizens to go out and explore quite a lovely town. I do hope the coming spring brings a better disposition.

I am once again writing with my dissatisfaction with the equality in which the town government is administered. I have been asked many times what it is I so vocally seek. It is a simply answer indeed, the truth, and liberty and Justice for all. By that specifically I mean equal application and enforcement of ordinances and distribution of public utilities and benefits. I will continue to advocate for this essential right, until the malfeasance has ceased to exist.

What is immediately and most alarming to myself is the game of hide and seek the custodian of records plays with Public Information. Even more disgusting is how the Mayor very publicly and other officials discreetly have reacted to my persistence in targeting my request, and subsequently waste, fraud, and abuse of government resources in avoiding that request. I did my best to negotiate in good faith to gain the information I seek, which eventually after thousands of dollars in attorneys fees, I found hidden in town hall. In less than 1 hour with the answer to my very first early March attempt to procur said record, I found the answer readily apparent.

Lastly I must protest the direct and fradulent personal attacks on my character in a futile attempt to deter my search for what is a public good. I do believe I have now proven to be a worthless effort. Do not attempt to impeach ones character with lies, when yours can be further impeached by the truth.

I shall leave the town with a pleasent thought of the holidays ahead. That is a time for being thankful for what we do have. The good fortune of a healthy community, that for the most part will have a plentiful table and a warm house to recieve family. I wish everyone well.

Sincerely,

Justin Holder