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Mayor & Council Minutes July 7, 2021

Approved

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

The minutes for the June 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

General Fund report was \$221,736.29.

Mr. Sweeney read the announcements from the agenda.

Community Deputy Report: Deputy Tracey Peyton completed 59 dedicated checks in Town, 3 hours of foot patrol, and 7 traffic assignments, where he issued 5 warnings and 3 citations. He assisted out of Town twice.

Ms. Riner noted that there is an MML dinner July 26, and she needs to know who will attend. There should be plenty of attendance at the dinner to cover the Banner Town requirements.

Ms. Riner said the Town is officially admitted to the Sustainable Maryland program and the Green Team will have their first meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 7pm in Town Hall. During the last week of August, Mike Hunninghake, the leader of the program, will meet with the Green Team in Keedysville to do some training.

Ms. Baker received a few more quotes for road paving. She also spoke with Boonsboro about their road paving contracts and met with a representative from Huntzberry.

Mr. Bishop said he has filled out and submitted the ARP paperwork. The amount received by the Town won't be more than \$300,000.

Mr. Sweeney met with a company about getting an alarm in Town Hall and is waiting for them to submit a quote.

Mr. Bishop said the Town will present to the County Commissioners on July 20 about doing an MOU for the County to take over the Town's permitting.

Mr. Bishop presented three quotes for mulching and weeding at Taylor Park and the Library. After some discussion, Mr. Hull motioned to go with Pam Edwards, who is a Keedysville resident and gave the lowest quote. Ms. Kerns seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Hull made a motion to reappoint Matt Rhoads to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Baker seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Bishop noted the Little Free Library is up in front of Town Hall. The Town agreed to pay \$300 to Jason Simmons for it, and the Ruritan is also paying \$300 towards it. Resident Sue Gemeny recommended getting a little plaque for it that notes it was donated by the Ruritan and the Mayor & Council.

Ms. Gemeny suggested that the Town could send out a letter regarding the Town weed ordinance to residents along Main Street who are not maintaining their little garden area. She also recommended including Pam Edwards' information in case they would like to ask her to maintain it for them.

Eric Matson said he spoke to Mr. George Nagel at Fox and Associates about the gap created during annexation of his property and that it is considered an enclave. Mr. Matson intends to de-annex his property and inquired about whether this should be presented to the Mayor & Council or Planning & Zoning. Mr. Hull said it should go before the Mayor & Council. Mr. Kuczynski said the process will also depend upon what Mr. Nagel's final determination is.

Mr. Matson also noted that he would like to see within the gap that is considered County property since Mr. Bishop has said he is only allowed to use his sawmill inside his building. Mr. Kuczynski said he can't address it tonight, but will look at Mr. Nagel's final determination when it is available.

Justin Holder forwarded an email to the Town and asked that it be included with the minutes of this meeting. It is an email he sent to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in which he claims that DNR has kept files from him regarding ownership of a certain piece of property. The email and attachments will be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Hull will not be able to attend the next Planning & Zoning meeting, so another Council member will need to attend. Mr. Sweeney agreed to go.

Ms. Riner read a thank you card from Jamie Shoemaker to the Mayor & Council for their donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Riner
Assistant Town Administrator

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From: Justin Holder <jholder2004@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Town Hall
Cc: Town of Keedysville; Iriner@keedysvillemd.com
Subject: My Land
Attachments: IMG-20210124-WA0056.jpg; Screenshot_20210607-233853_Chrome.jpg

Please include this in the M and C minutes as my comments for July.

I feel it has been more productive to provide written comments, than oral communication.

If the town 'writ large would enjoy a candid conversation my door is always open.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Justin Holder** <jholder2004@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 8, 2021, 11:52 AM
Subject: My Land
To: Talley H. Kovacs -DNR- <talley.kovacs@maryland.gov>

Ms. Kovacs,

The picture of the document below is directly from a DNR file.

The DNR has hidden this file from me officially.

Luckily I am resourceful.

I bought on Deed from Jennifer Butts all remaining lands of parcel 288 and recorded that deed in Land Records.

See attached case as well. The DNR has played very dirty in the past and that behavior continues.

500 bucks and the state could have done the same Ms. Kovacs.

I wear the white hat here. You dirty dogs will have no justice, no doctrine of sovereign immunity, and no jurisdiction in equity.

Why? Because equity entertains jurisdiction when a party is in possession and in regards to my land you are NOT.

I will move to dismiss any quiet title you file for those reasons and quite a few more.

Just do what the state should have done on May 29th, keep on walking.

I have the resources.

My agenda is popular.

I most importantly have the will.

I am fighting the good fight.

The state has purely evil motives.

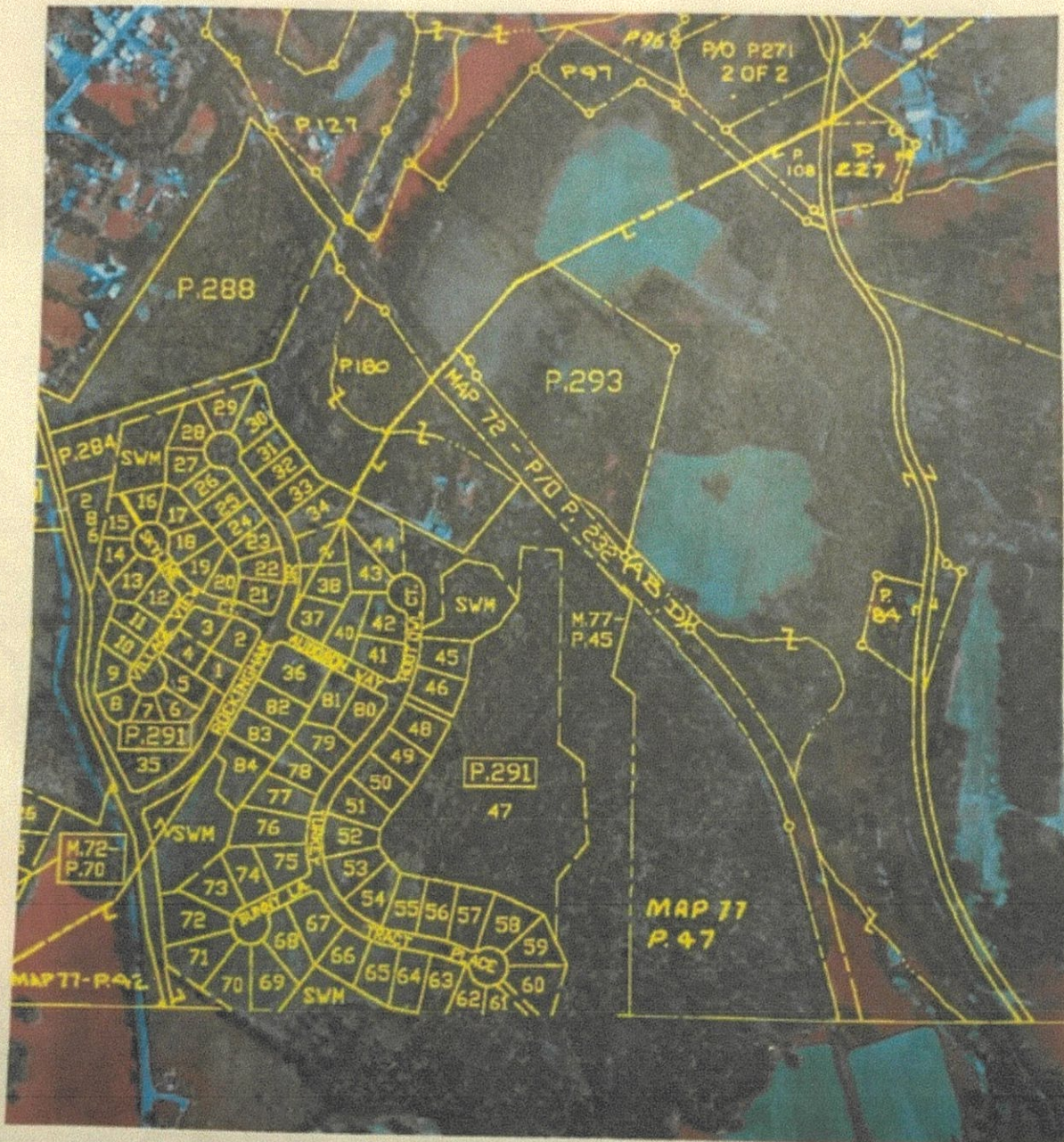
This has 0 to do with free water, or money

And everything to do with liberty and justice for all.

Justin Holder

the doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

13 09:07:51 AM JASON



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the Court:

"It is conceded that no suit can be brought against the State, without its consent. This immunity of the State from suit rests upon grounds of public policy, and is too firmly fixed in our law to be questioned. But it would be strange indeed, in the face of the solemn constitutional guarantees, which place private property among the fundamental and indestructible rights of the citizen, if this principle could be extended and applied so as to preclude him from prosecuting an action of ejectment against a State Official unjustly and wrongfully withholding property, by the mere fact that he was holding it for the State and for State uses.

"It is easy to see the abuses to which a doctrine like that would lead. That such is not the law has been conclusively settled by [United States v. Lee](#), 106 U.S. [196] [[1 S.Ct. 240, 27 L.Ed. 171](#)]; [Tindel \[Tindal\] v. Wesley](#), 167 U.S. 204 [[17 S.Ct. 770, 42 L.Ed. 137 \(1897\)](#)]; [Smith v. Reeves](#), [178 U.S. 438](#) [436] [20 S.Ct. 919, 44 L.Ed. 1140 (1900)]; 10 *Am. and Eng. Ency. of law*, 528." **110**

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Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting July 7, 2021

All attendees must sign in. Attendee comments will only be heard during the appropriate time in the agenda. Those wishing to be heard must check the appropriate box. Comments will be limited to three minutes each.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	WISH TO BE HEARD
Sue Gemeny	50 So Main	301-432-8216	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Justin Holder	308 W. Chestline St	21782 240-354-2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> upon request
ERIC	Malton		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor & Council Agenda July 7, 2021

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2021

General Fund Report: \$221,736.29

Announcements: Street Sweeping Wednesday, July 21

Community Deputy Report

Old Business: Banner Town; Sustainable Maryland; Road Paving; ARP Funds; Town Hall Alarm; Permits;
Mulching at flag pole

New Business: Reappoint Matt Rhoads to Planning & Zoning Commission

Comments by Residents

Comments by Council

Adjournment