

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Mayor and Council Minutes March 2, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 7:01pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Judy Kerns and Matt Hull, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, and Town Administrator Lisa Riner.

Minutes from the February 2, 2022 meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$453,407.

The announcements from the agenda were read.

Deputy Tracey Peyton completed his normal dedicated checks: 14 in Rockingham, 10 in Stonecrest, 13 in Cannon Ridge, 11 at the park and library, 9 at the cemetery, 2 hours foot patrol, 3 ½ hours traffic enforcement with two citations and four warnings. He also resolved an abandoned vehicle in Cannon Ridge and assisted the county with a mental subject, two animal complaints, and a missing person.

The Town is on track to become a Banner Town. The Town just has to continue attending the dinners.

Comcast internet is installed and working. Tele-Plus is coming tomorrow to get the cameras hooked up. Comcast email service would cost \$29.95/mo for web hosting, and \$14.95/mo per email address. The Town currently pays \$14.95/mo for web hosting and email is included for free. Gmail would cost \$6/mo per email address. There is a lot of difficulty with the current email system. Ms. Kerns motioned that the Town go with Google for email, for the Mayor & Council and Planning & Zoning. Mr. Sweeney seconded. All voted in favor.

The Town's first ARPA report for the federal government is due April 30. Mr. Sweeney said the work to investigate the cost of replacing the Bedrock waterline can be included. Mr. Hull recommended including the radio read tower project. Mayor Lord noted adding solar power in the Town could also be included. None of these projects have been committed to, but are only being explored.

The Town received two applications for the Planning & Zoning Commission vacancy, but one of the applicants did not live within Town limits. Mr. Kuczynski noted that the ordinance does not require that Planning & Zoning members live in Town. That decision is up to the Council. The Council decided to allow the out-of-town applicant, Jacqueline Piro, to be

eligible to serve since she was well-qualified. The other applicant did not provide much information. Mr. Sweeney motioned to have Jacqueline Piro fill the opening, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Kuczynski prepared an amendment to the Town's Planning Commission Ordinance to add two alternates. There was some discussion. Mr. Sweeney noted that titling it Section 3A could be confusing. Mr. Kuczynski will change it to 3F for better clarity. Mr. Hull motioned to introduce the resolution to amend chapter 16 and add a new section designated as 3F to allow alternates on the Planning Commission. Ms. Kerns seconded. All voted in favor.

Street light discussion was postponed since Council Member Sarah Baker was not in attendance.

The town received four bids for park and stormwater ponds mowing. There was much discussion. Mr. Hull motioned to award the Park Mowing contract to Randy Heavner, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor. Mr. Sweeney motioned to award the Stormwater Mowing contract to Shepherdstown Lawns. Ms. Kerns seconded. All voted in favor.

The new Administrative Assistant position at Town Hall has been posted. There was some discussion.

Ms. Riner summarized the survey results so far. The survey will remain open for residents to complete until the Town election on May 7.

Tom Clemens requested that the Town remind dog owners to keep their dogs under control and leashed. He noted it can have financial and legal consequences. He has had trouble with other dogs several times recently and over the years.

Antietam Youth Athletic League was going to have to fold, but they were able to pull something together to renew the league.

Ms. Kerns recommended the Town Hall windows be washed. Mr. Hull said it's because of the film on the windows, which can't be removed.

At the last meeting, the Council discussed difficulty seeing at the intersection of Taylor Drive and Main Street. Ms. Riner spoke to State Highway, who said they don't put mirrors on roadways any longer, and don't recommend it. However, the Town is welcome to put a mirror up there. Ms. Riner is going to ask State Highway if the Town can remove one parking spot there.

Eric Matson and Bonnie's at the Red Byrd called State Highway about speeding and passing on 34. The state came out to investigate and determined that there is no problem that they can see and that the site lines are good. There was some discussion. Mayor Lord said the Town will continue to push the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Riner
Town Administrator

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Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting March 2, 2022

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
Dian Thomson	9 Mt. Vernon	301-305-2296	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jaqueline Piro	20112 Mable Quarry	240-447-5115	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric DeKunipp	"	808-232-7212	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Holder	308 West Chapline St Sharpsburg MD 21782	(240) 356-2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Clemens	52 S. MAIN	301 331 3877	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JASON SIMMONS	20 S MAIN		<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

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Mayor & Council Agenda March 2, 2022

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2022 Meeting

General Fund Report: \$453,407.96

Announcements: Town Election will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9am-6pm in Town Hall; Deadline to file as a candidate is Monday, April 11 at 2pm

Community Deputy Report

Old Business: MML/Banner Town; Internet; Email; ARPA Action Plan Report Due April 30; Planning and Zoning Commission Vacancy and Alternates; Street Lights; Mowing Bids; New Position at Town Hall

New Business: Survey Results

Comments by Residents

Comments by Council

Adjournment