

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Mayor and Council Minutes July 6, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Judy Kerns, Matt Hull, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Town Administrator Lisa Riner, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$413,981.94.

Announcements from the agenda were read.

Resident comments

Christy Postell spoke on the safety concerns of Rt 34, a state-run road. She has a petition with 102 signatures on Change.org. Mayor Lord said the Town could write a letter to the State Highway Dept, and the petition could be posted on the website. Deputy Peyton mentioned an ACRS report which has all crash data. There was much discussion and agreement on continuing to encourage the State Highway Dept to make a section of Rt 34 a no-passing zone.

Brad Belmont introduced himself. He is running as a first-time candidate for the House of Delegates. Public safety is a main concern for him as well as what is being taught in schools.

Charlie Burkett introduced himself as County Commissioner of Washington County. He is working on getting around to each of the county municipalities. He said financially Washington County is in better shape than ever before with surpluses.

John Burtner spoke to get the Council's awareness about a water issue regarding a stream on his property. The last 4 years the stream has gone dry. He has farmed this property for 46 years and it had only gone dry once before now and it does not follow the rain. He would like log numbers of what Boonsboro pumps from a stream. Mr. Hull said to the best of his knowledge stream flow is not monitored. He also mentioned the bridge that accesses the spring becomes a dam in wet weather and floods his property. It is unclear when and who replaced the current bridge.

Deputy Peyton reported he completed his various patrols, 3 citations, and 3 warnings, and all but 1 vehicle has been removed from the ballfield parking lot. He is taking care of that one.

Old Business

Research is still being done on the electronic filing of Town Hall records.

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski will send a letter to Antietam Broadband to advise them about the cable franchise agreement. Moving forward the right-of-way agreement will need to be fine-tuned. He doesn't advise the Town to move forward with Antietam until we get a clearance from Comcast.

POS Project ideas, Ms. Baker looked into pickleball/tennis court quotes and the low end was \$60k. Mr. Hull moved to fill out the next stage of paperwork to get the funding for the pickleball/tennis court. Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor. Ms. Kerns received a quote of \$1100.00 from Dave Nicodemus to supply the food pavilion with water. Mr. Hull motioned to use Hotel/Motel money to supply water at the Park Pavilion, as well as cleaning and exterminator. Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Ms. Riner received a quote from Bryan Babington, two bollards would be about \$500-\$600. The Council agreed on bollards on either side of Putman's gate, out towards the road, and a sign at Antietam Drive and Main Street to say No trucks over 5 tons. Mr. Hull said the Town should cover the cost.

New Business

The Council needed to pass 2 policies (Energy Efficiency Policy and Renewable Energy Policy) to receive the \$20k grant from Maryland Smart Energy. Ms. Kerns motioned to pass Resolutions 2022-2 and 2022-3, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Ms. Kerns spoke of the responsibility and importance of Historic Preservation. Ms. Kerns and Sue Gemeny have items in their homes they would like to preserve and suggested using a portion of Town Hall to display/store these items. There is no space at the library and the Historical Society doesn't have much money. Hotel/Motel money could be used to purchase display cabinets. Mr. Hull motioned to buy cabinets for display/storage, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

The Council discussed the two bids received for snow removal & de-icing, from Bryan Babington and Russell Shorten. Ms. Kerns motioned to award the contract to Bryan Babington, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor. Mr. Hull recused himself.

Regarding Boonsboro's National Night Out donation, Mr. Sweeney motioned to donate \$100.00, Ms. Kerns seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Riner mentioned Gary Beachley will be moving out of town at the end of the year and will need to be replaced on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting July 6, 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
<u>Benie Auerke Keedysville, Md</u>		<u>301-471-6214</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Brad Belmont</u>	<u>Hagerstown, Md</u>	<u>301-991-9155</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jason Knebi's</u> <u>Sarah Bennett</u>	<u>5 Mallard Rn</u>	<u>248-933-3256</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Charles Wayne Burkart</u>	<u>13030 Seawall Ln</u>	<u>301-331-6335</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>John Butner</u>	<u>39 Mt. Hebron Rd.</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Christy Postell</u>	<u>6310 Coffman Farms Rd</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Holly Law</u>	<u>3213 Fisher Rd. Indps</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Mayor & Council Agenda July 6, 2022

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2022 Meeting

General Fund Report: \$413,981.94

Announcements: Washington County Health Fair on July 8th, from 10 am-2 pm in Taylor Park; Laura Merritt started her summer internship at Town Hall through the Western Maryland Consortium

Resident Comments: Christy Postell, SR 34 Safety Concerns

Community Deputy Report

Old Business: Electronic Filing of Town Hall Records; Antietam Broadband Installation; POS Project Ideas for FY2024; Antietam Drive at Main Street large truck issues

New Business: Maryland Smart Energy Community Grant Award Policies; Historic Preservation; Snow Removal and De-icing bids; Boonsboro National Night Out donation

Resident Comments Related to Agenda Items

Council Comments

Adjournment