

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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*Approved*

## **Mayor and Council Minutes January 4, 2023**

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 Matt Hull, Judy Kerns, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Town Administrator Lisa Riner and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the December 7, 2022 meeting and December 14, 2022, closed session were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$668,828.53

Announcements – Christmas Tree pickup will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, so leave out the night before.

### Community Deputy Report

Deputy Peyton completed normal checks – 8 at Cannon Ridge, 9 at Rockingham, 7 at Stonecrest, 8 at the Park, and 3 at the Cemetery. He dealt with an intoxicated person at the Country Store, assisted County shifts by running intoximeter tests on a DUI arrest, a vehicle crash just outside of Town, and did a check on a vulnerable adult during the cold weather. He spent some time at the Sheriff's office to deal with computer issues due to the cyber attack.

Rick Novak, Cell Tower - Mr. Novak explained he works for Sitelink Wireless, representing Verizon Wireless. His objective is to pursue sites and work with the County/Towns and their zoning. Southern Corrosion manages our water tank and he works very closely with them throughout this process. They will require 9 antennas and ground space for a generator which will be fenced. They will pay \$2400 per month in rent with a 10% increase every 5 years. The term on the lease will be 5 years with four 5-year renewals. There was much discussion about the details and process. Many of the details will be worked out between Verizon Wireless and Southern Corrosion. There are no costs to the Town.

### Resident Comments

Elizabeth Garcia from the Keedysville Community Center commented on the snow removal of Mt. Vernon Drive and who is responsible. She requested we look at our minutes from 2002 about a road dedication to see if that ever happened. Currently, the Town only plows up to the No Trespassing sign. She says the No Trespassing sign was put up due to vandalism at that time. Ms. Garcia says the State Hwy Dept website shows that Mt. Vernon Dr. is the responsibility of the Town of Keedysville. Ms. Riner reported the land records show the Community Center owns the entirety of Mt. Vernon Drive all the way up to Dogstreet Rd. but that the State does show it is owned by the Town. Mr. Hull reported, at one time the Town owned half and the Community Center owned half of Mt. Vernon. Ms. Riner reported Mr. Babington plows Mt. Vernon up to the No Trespassing sign. Ms. Garcia says she has not observed the road being plowed. Ms. Riner said she would confirm the Town is plowing the road up to the Church. Mr. Kuczynski pointed out that when the Community Center was a school Mt. Vernon Drive would have been the school's property and only if there was an official dedication for the Town to take over the road would it be the Town's responsibility. There was also some discussion about the maintenance issues with the building.

### Old Business

Electronic Filing of Town Hall Records – Ms. Riner will put out to bid this month.

Redundant Street Lights – Ms. Pangle reported Mr. Voorhaar from Potomac Edison, was out today to mark the poles. He said once he submits his paperwork hopefully they will stop the billing at that time, but no guarantee.

Library & Bathroom Roof Replacement – Ms. Riner reported the contracts have been awarded, just waiting on signatures.

Maryland Smart Energy Community Grant/Solar Panels – Ms. Riner reported the contract has been awarded, just waiting on signatures.

Holiday Banners – Ms. Kerns asked about the issue with the electrical outlets on the poles. Ms. Riner reported the State's contractor has agreed to come out to look at it, but no guarantee they will fix it, and they are under no obligation to do so. Mr. Hull motioned to buy 19, of the 3ft Silhouette snowflakes from the company with the lowest price, Ms. Kerns seconded and all voted in favor. Ms. Riner reported we have Hotel/Motel funds to pay for this.

Verizon Cell Tower – There was much discussion during Mr. Novak's presentation above.

Town Hall Boiler – There was much discussion about the options. Mr. Hull motioned to use AC&T Gold Plan, Mr. Sweeney seconded and all voted in favor.

### New Business

Donations to Boonsboro and Sharpsburg Fire & EMS – Mr. Hull motioned to give \$1000.00 to each organization for a total of \$4000.00 as has been done in the past, Mr. Sweeney seconded and all voted in favor.

5G Facilities – Ms. Riner wanted to bring this to the Council's attention, just to have it on their radar. 5G are small units that can go on light poles. Boonsboro has some regulations and Sharpsburg is working on regulations. Does the Town of Keedysville want to consider this? It may be something to give to Planning and Zoning.

### Council Comments

Ms. Kerns suggested sending a Thank you note to Ms. Ellis for the Christmas tree decorations in the park.

Ms. Riner reported the Council needs to officially vote on what to do with ARPA funds and does the Council want to keep the funds in the General fund or move to the Water fund. Mr. Sweeney motioned to use ARPA funds for the water preventative maintenance program, Ms. Kerns seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move the ARPA funds to the Water fund account, Mr. Hull seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Lord asked Ms. Baker about the paving schedule. There was some discussion about paving after winter has done its damage.

Mayor Lord mentioned the Green Team festival, just to give the Council a heads up that a small amount of money may be requested at the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Pangle  
Administrative Assistant

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## Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting January 4, 2023

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
Rick Novak	Verizon	443-622-1744	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Garcia	40 Mt. Vernon Dr.	240-626-3498	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sue Gemery	50 S. Main	301-432-8216	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Matson	Coffman Farms Rd	240-818-4010	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Mayor & Council Agenda January 4, 2023

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2022 Meeting

General Fund Report: \$668,828.53

Announcements

Community Deputy Report

Rick Novak, Cell Tower

Resident Comments: Snow Removal on Mt. Hebron Drive (Elizabeth Garcia from the Keedysville Community Center)

Old Business: Electronic Filing of Town Hall Records; Redundant Street Lights; Library Roof Replacement; Maryland Smart Energy Community Grant (Solar Panels & Energy Audit); Holiday Banners; Verizon Cell Tower; Town Hall Boiler Service

New Business: Donations to Boonsboro Fire & EMS and Sharpsburg Fire & EMS; 5G Facilities

Resident Comments Related to Agenda Items

Council Comments

Adjournment