

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Mayor and Council Minutes May 3, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 7:04 pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Matt Hull, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting and March 1, 2023, Public Information Session-Verizon Cell Antennas were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$348,858.31

Announcements were read

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Peyton completed his normal checks, 11 in Cannon Ridge, 12 in Rockingham, 11 in Stonecrest, 9 in the park, and 6 in the Cemetery. He had 2 hours of traffic enforcement and 4 hours of foot patrol. He lost 2.5 hours to court. He assisted units outside of Town with firearms assault and a hostile driver.

Resident Comments

Sue Gemeny reported Keedysville Historical Society is on the Washington County Gives website for the first time.
<https://www.washingtoncountygives.org>

Jay Brandenburg with Sharpsburg Fire Department spoke about the need and importance of hydrant flow testing. They are currently doing their ISO ratings which determine homeowner insurance rates. Every 6 years the fire companies and their service areas are evaluated with a rating of 1 to 10. Lower numbers equal cheaper insurance. Flow testing should be done every 5 years. Mr. Brandenburg also pointed out the importance of the hydrants being painted the correct colors. Colors have different meanings for them. Mr. Hull will contact Greg in Boonsboro for information on getting this done.

Old Business

Redundant Street Lights – Ms. Pangle reported she spoke to Mr. Voorhaar from Potomac Edison today and let him know we still haven't seen a decrease in our billing. He will ask if Potomac Edison will credit us back to January. He is still working on getting the line team on schedule to remove the lights.

Library Solar Panels – The materials were dropped off in the library parking lot. They are waiting for approval from Potomac Edison.

Verizon Cell Tower – No news to report from Verizon.

Tennis/Pickleball Court – After some discussion the Council decided to stake out a new location in the same field as last time, near the library.

Dogstreet Rd & Main St Intersection Safety – The County has recommended putting in a crosswalk and coordinating signage. The Council wants to know if the County is paying for this. Mayor Lord asked to clarify if the crosswalk will be on Dogstreet Rd and Main Street, or just Dogstreet Rd. Mr. Hull also suggested looking into a sign that says, “no trucks beyond this point” to be put on Dogstreet Rd near Stonecrest. Mayor Lord mentioned a sign that says “watch for pedestrians in crosswalk” at Yankee and Main St, but there is no crosswalk. Council agreed to just remove that sign.

Gazebo Project – Waiting for gazebo and picnic table materials to come in.

FY2024 Budgets – Mr. Sweeney motioned to introduce the Town and Water budgets as amended, Mr. Hull seconded and all voted in favor.

Light @ 25 Antietam Dr – Mr. Sweeney motioned to leave the light up, Mr. Hull seconded and all voted in favor.

Antietam Broadband – Mr. Kuczynski is working on a draft franchise agreement for Antietam Broadband using a document he received from Comcast. He will draft a proposed agreement for Antietam to review and will copy the Council on it as well.

Trailer Parking on Main St. – Deputy Peyton says there is nothing he can do if they are properly tagged.

Weed Removal in Stormwater Ponds – The County sprayed the ponds, but we haven’t received an invoice yet to know the cost.

Signage/Locks at Stormwater Ponds – There was much discussion. There was a question about why some ponds have fencing while others do not. The Council wants to leave signs and locks as they are currently.

New Business

Boonsboro Fishing Derby Donation – Mr. Sweeney motioned to donate \$100.00, Ms. Baker seconded and all voted in favor.

Mowing behind stormwater pond near 31 Farragut – There was much discussion. Mr. Sweeney recused himself from voting but not from the discussion because this directly affects him. He does feel if the Town owns it, it should be maintained. Mr. Hull motioned to research to find the property corners before moving forward, Ms. Baker seconded and all voted in favor.

Park Restroom Improvements – There was some discussion. The Council said to look into painting the interior and exterior as well as replacing stalls.

Fairview Cemetery Donation – Mr. Hull motioned to table this for the next budget, Mr. Sweeney seconded and all voted in favor.

Boonsboro Memorial Day Parade – There was some discussion. There are scheduling conflicts for Council Members. It is also on the same day as the memorial dedication in Taylor Park at 4 pm.

MRDC Grant Writer FY2024 – Mr. Hull motioned to keep the grant writer for FY 2024, Mr. Sweeney seconded and all voted in favor.

Sustainable Communities Questionnaire – There has been no feedback from the community on the Questionnaire. Grant Writer, Ms. Gratton has requested to at least have the Council members respond.

Resident Comments

N/A

Council Comments

Ms. Baker has reached out to Craig Paving and is waiting on a callback.

Mr. Sweeney wanted to make sure people were aware of the MOU associated with the Grant Writer. Mr. Sweeney mentioned the Chapter 14 Ordinance Amendment that was introduced at the last meeting. Mr. Sweeney made a motion to add the Chapter 14 Ordinance Amendment to the agenda, Mr. Hull seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Hull made a motion to pass the Chapter 14 Ordinance Amendment, Mr. Sweeney seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Sweeney asked if there were any updates on the Planning and Zoning container regulations and short-term rentals. No updates at this time.

Mayor Lord mentioned that Mayor Green of Williamsport has reached out and invited all the Mayors of the County to get together on a bi-monthly basis. They had their first meeting last week in Williamsport. The next meeting will be in Boonsboro. Mayor Lord gave an update on the Green Team Spring Launch and thanked all those involved. The event went well. Ms. Baker mentioned the community yard sales seemed to have good attendance. Mayor Lord said the electricity in Pavilion #3 needs to be checked out. The performers using that pavilion had issues with their equipment. Ms. Pangle reported a call had already been made to Diamond Electric and waiting on a callback. Mayor Lord requested a donation be made at this meeting or next to the Ruritans for their contribution to the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council Agenda May 3, 2023

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2023 Meeting, and March 1, 2023 Public Information Session-Verizon Cell Antennas

General Fund Report: \$ 348,858.31

Announcements: Bulk Trash Pick-up Saturday, May 6; Street Sweeping Wednesday, May 17; Monument Dedication Sunday, May 28 at 4:00pm; Town Hall Closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day; Trash, yard waste, and recycling pick-up all delayed by one day during the week of Memorial Day

Community Deputy Report

Resident Comments

Old Business: Redundant Street Lights; Library Solar Panels; Verizon Cell Tower; Tennis/Pickleball Court; Dogstreet Rd & Main St Intersection Safety; Gazebo Project; FY 2024 Budgets; Light at 25 Antietam Dr; Antietam Broadband; Trailer parking on Main Street; Weed removal in stormwater ponds; Signage/locks at stormwater ponds

New Business: Boonsboro Fishing Derby Donation; Mowing behind stormwater pond near 31 Farragut Dr; Park Restroom Improvements; Fairview Cemetery Donation; Boonsboro Memorial Day Parade; MRDC Grant Writer in FY 2024; Sustainable Communities Questionnaire

Resident Comments Related to Agenda Items

Council Comments

Adjournment