

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Water Commission Minutes June 7, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Water Commission was called to order at 8:48 pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Judy Kerns, Matt Hull, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Town Administrator Lisa Riner and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting were approved.

General Fund report was \$717,731.75

Announcements were read.

Old Business

Joint Town Agreement and Capital Expense Sharing Calculation – No updates on the Joint Town Agreement. Mr. Hull pointed out the agreement might be on hold until Boonsboro can figure out what they have allocated for water taps. The Capital Expense Sharing Calculation will stay the same.

Asset Inventory Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU with Boonsboro) – No updates. Mr. Sweeney said it might need to wait for the August meeting. Ms. Riner said the new Boonsboro Town Manager starts on June 21, 2023.

Water Meter Radio Towers – No updates.

EDU Changes - Ms. Riner said she is working on letters for residents who will have to pay more fixed fee amounts, as well as commercial accounts that have had the number of EDUs change. Ms. Riner will send them to the Council to look at before mailing them.

Fluoride Removal Update – Ms. Riner said the fluoride is being stopped. MDE had offered to pay for the fluoride and fix the pump, but it was only a one-time offer. Boonsboro is not interested in that so has stopped the fluoride.

New Business

Tank Maintenance – Ms. Riner reported no update. Mr. Sweeney said the last he spoke to Mr. Shumaker from Boonsboro and his KCI contact there had been a conversation about 3 weeks ago. He's not sure if anything is in place but a discussion occurred. Mr. Sweeney will reach out to Mr. Shumaker to see if the tank maintenance can be done soon.

Lead & Copper Rule – Ms. Riner reported the EPA has a new rule. The Town will have to identify and replace all the lead and copper in Town. Ms. Riner said she spoke to the Clerk at Clear Spring. They are working on getting a grant to fund identifying these pipes. They have a grant writer who is working on an application, so Ms. Gratton will work with them to do an application for Keedysville. Mr. Hull said he thinks the EPA is concerned about the lead solder on copper pipes and there are no lead pipes in Town.

PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances Requirements – Ms. Riner said this is another new rule and there is a ton of grant money around it. We may not have to worry about it since Boonsboro is our operator. The rule is basically lowering the allowed levels.

Mt Hebron Rd & Water Treatment Plant Bridge Meeting with John Burtner – Mr. Burtner has concerns about the debris that collects at the bridge which floods his property if he doesn't clear it out. Ms. Riner made some calls. The Soil Conservation District does not want to be involved and has already talked to Mr. Burtner. The County said they are not moving Mt. Hebron Road. The County looked through their records, the bridge is owned by Mr. Estes. Ms. Riner said the Town has cleaned up the debris on occasion and that Mr. Burtner doesn't mind clearing the debris from the bridge. Ms. Riner is waiting for a call back from MDE. There was much discussion.

Ms. Riner asked if Mr. Sweeney heard anything from Huntzberry about the water system. Mr. Sweeney said he would call them tomorrow morning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2023 Meeting

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Announcements: MD Rural Water Hydrant Flow Testing June 27 and 28

Comments by Residents

Old Business: Joint Town Agreement and capital expense sharing calculation; Asset Inventory Management and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Boonsboro; Water Meter Radio Towers; EDU Changes; Fluoride removal update

New Business: Tank Maintenance; Lead & Copper Rule; PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) Requirements; Mt. Hebron Rd & Water Treatment Plant Bridge Meeting with John Burtner

Comments by Residents regarding Agenda Items

Comments by Commission

Adjournment