

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

"Where Northern Thrift and Personality Blend with Southern Charm and Hospitality"

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Ken Lord, Mayor
Brandon Sweeney, Assistant Mayor
Judy Kerns, Council
Matthew Hull, Council
Sarah Baker, Council

Approved

Mayor and Council Minutes June 5, 2024

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, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Deputy Dakota Watkins, Town Administrator Lisa Riner, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the May 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$256,479.83

No Announcements

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins reported the following checks, 13 in Cannon Ridge, 13 in Rockingham, 13 in Stonecrest, 6 in the Cemetery, 10 in the park, 3 at the filtration plant, 11 calls for service, 1 day for Court, vehicle swap and attended Town meeting.

Lyndell Clipp (Crop Walk) – Mr. Clipp spoke about this year's Crop Walk on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 2 pm in Taylor Park. The Ruritans will serve free lunch/drinks to walkers starting at 1 pm. Non-walkers can purchase lunch and the Ruritans donate that money back to the Crop Walk. Rohrsville Community Band will play from 1:00 to 1:50 pm. 25% of the money raised will go to the South Washington County Emergency Fund to support food and utility assistance. Last year they raised \$15k. Mr. Clipp said it would be nice if someone from the Council could be there at 2 pm to welcome the walkers to Keedysville.

Resident Comments

n/a

Old Business

Park Sign – Mr. Sweeney motioned for the blue park sign without the bird perches from Tim Fraker Signs, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Town Hall Address Plaque for Building – Mr. Sweeney motioned for the silver & black with no logo, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Gazebo Planting – Ms. Pangle reported on June 1st, 7 volunteers planted 187 native plants around the gazebo.

New Water Agreement with Boonsboro – Ms. Riner reported no updates.

FY 2025 Budget – Ms. Riner reported both budgets were introduced at the last meeting and need to be approved at this meeting. Mr. Hull motioned to adopt the Town budget with the adjustment for the MML dues and the Water budget, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Community Deputy Program Amendment – Ms. Riner reported we signed a copy but have not signed the original yet. There was some discussion about the increase and the Towns that may be dropping out of the program.

Paving – Ms. Baker has talked with them, and they plan to meet next week.

Multi-Sport Court Grant – Ms. Riner reported we were awarded \$350k, but it still needs to be approved by the State Board of Public Works. We should know sometime in June.

Verizon Antennas – Ms. Riner reported Verizon decided to use private property near the gun club for their antennas.

New Business

Pry Quilt Presentation – Ms. Gemeny received a call from the Heart of the Civil War to bring a group to view the quilt. It will be around October.

Audit Adjustments – Ms. Riner reported that SEK came out and did all the past year's adjustments that needed to be done in QuickBooks.

MML Dues Increase – There was much discussion. Mayor Lord said he plans to talk about this at the MML Conference next week. He feels there is not enough representation from western Maryland and has put his name in to be on the Board of Directors.

Council Comments

Ms. Baker asked about the plugs for the slides in the playground. Ms. Riner said she has not been able to get a response from the company. Ms. Baker also questioned changing out mulch for a different material. There was much discussion about potential upgrades to the playground.

Mr. Sweeney said the Council needs to vote on the lead and copper quotes. Quotes were received from 120 Water, The Eads Group, and EA Engineering. Mr. Sweeney feels 120 Water makes the most sense but wants to wait until Boonsboro meets next week and see where they are with the quotes. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move forward with 120 Water pending the Boonsboro meeting, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mayor Lord mentioned the vandalism in the park and a friendly reminder there are cameras in the park to record malicious activity. He asked about the 15 S Main Street lot and the streambank restoration. Ms. Riner reported that it is now scheduled for summer 2025. Mayor Lord asked about the drinking fountain project for Taylor Park, but there are no updates at this time. Mayor Lord said the trees planted by the State Highway Dept on the south end of town are dying and are making that area look bad. Ms. Riner said that it is private property. Mr. Hull mentioned it was an engineered rain garden put in by the State. Ms. Riner pointed out the weed ordinance does not include dying trees.

Ms. Riner reported the closer arm in the women's bathroom has been repaired.

Ms. Pangle mentioned the meeting with DNR (regarding the railbed lease) on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, for those who want to attend.

Ms. Kerns made a motion to move into closed session, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting went into a closed session at 8:10 pm.

Closed Session Summary: A closed session was held on 6/5/24 at the Keedysville Town Hall to consider the acquisition of real property and consult with counsel. Mayor Lord, Assistant Mayor Sweeney, and Council Members Mr. Hull, Ms. Kerns, and Ms. Baker all voted in favor of closing the session. No members voted against it. No members were absent. This meeting was closed under the following provisions of the General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(3) & (7). "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matter directly related thereto," and "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice." The topics discussed were the acquisition of real property and ongoing litigation. Persons present for this discussion were Mayor Lord, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Hull, Ms. Kerns, Ms. Baker, Mr. Kuczynski, Ms. Riner, and Ms. Pangle. No action was taken.

The meeting entered back into open session at 9:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 6/5/24; Time: 5:10 pm; Location: Town Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Jim Kerns Seconded by Sam Baker;
Members in favor: all; Opposed: none;
Abstaining: none; Absent: none.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3) "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4) "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5) "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6) "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9) "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10) "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11) "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12) "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13) "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14) "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15) "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	Consideration of acquiring real property	Property is not on the market and owner wants to keep possible sale private
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Consult with counsel	ongoing litigation
§3-305(b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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4. This statement is made by Kew Lord, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

➤ For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 8:10 - 9:05 pm

Place: Town Hall

Purpose(s): consider acquisition of real property, consult with

Members who voted to meet in closed session: KW counsel

Persons attending closed session: KW

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 3, 1

Topics actually discussed: property acquisition, ongoing litigation

Actions taken: none

Each recorded vote: _____

➤ For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2024 Meeting

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Announcements

Community Deputy Report

Lyndell Clipp (Crop Walk)

Resident Comments

Old Business: Park Sign; Town Hall Address Plaque; Gazebo Planting; New Water Agreement with Boonsboro; FY2025 Budget; Community Deputy Program Amendment; Paving; Multi-Sport Court Grant; Verizon Antennas

New Business: Pry Quilt Presentation; Audit Adjustments; MML Dues Increase

Resident Comments Related to Agenda Items

Council Comments

Close Session: The Mayor and Council will go into a closed session to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition. Statutory authority to close the session is found under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(3).

Adjournment