

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Mayor and Council – Special Meeting Minutes July 8, 2024

The special meeting of the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 11:45 am with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord (arrived at 12:30 pm), Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Matt Hull, Judy Kerns and Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski (arrived at 11:50 am), Town Administrator Lisa Riner and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Resident Comments

A Stonecrest resident is concerned about the entrance being neglected. New plants and mulch are needed. She thought the land acquisition the Town was considering might be this area. The Town does the mowing at the entrance. Due to the fact it is private property the resident was advised not to do anything at this time.

Mr. Hull made a motion to move into closed session, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting went into a closed session at 11:53 am.

Closed Session Summary: A closed session was held on 7/8/24 at the Keedysville Town Hall to consider the acquisition of real property and consult with counsel. 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. Mayor Lord was absent from the vote. 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 on litigation. The Council agreed to contact a structural engineer and roofer for repairs to the slate roof.

The meeting entered back into open session at 2:07 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 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: 7/8/24; Time: 11:50^{am}; Location: Town Hall ;
Motion to close meeting made by: Matt Hull Seconded by Sarah Baker ;
Members in favor: All ; Opposed: None ;
Abstaining: None ; Absent: Mayor Lord .

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	potential purchase of property	seller asked to keep it private
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7	and [↑] ongoing litigation	legal advice
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4. This statement is made by Brandon Sweeney 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: 11:53 AM - 2:07 PM

Place: Town Hall

Purpose(s): discuss potential acquisition of property + consult with course

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Sweeney, Hull, Kerns, + Baker

Persons attending closed session: Sweeney, Hull, Kerns, Baker, Riner, Pangle, Kuczynski + Lord 12:30pm

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 3 and 7

Topics actually discussed: same as above plus ongoing litigation

Actions taken: NONE for litigation. Agreed to contact a structural engineer + roofer regarding the property.

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

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Mayor & Council – Special Meeting Agenda July 8, 2024

This is a special meeting to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition, as well as for the Mayor and Counsel to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Call to Order

Resident Comments

Closed 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. In addition, the Mayor and Council will consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Statutory authority to close the session is found under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(3) and (7).

Resident Comments

Council Comments

Adjournment