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Mayor and Council Minutes June 4, 2025 Approved

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, 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 May 7, 2025, Budget Hearing and May 7, 2025, Mayor & Council Meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$477,508.16

Announcements were read.

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins reported the following checks: 10 in Cannon Ridge, 12 in Rockingham, 12 in Stonecrest, 9 at the park, 2 at the filtration plant, 12 at the cemetery, 5 at the church, 2 calls for service, 2 hours of traffic enforcement, and 1 day of training.

Resident Comments

N/A

Old Business

Speed Bumps on Mt. Vernon Dr & New Speed Sentry – Ms. Riner provided a letter to Ms. Garcia at the community center to give to daycare parents regarding speed on Mt Vernon Dr. Ms. Garcia will also give it to the Ruritans and the Karate group. Ms. Riner will put the speed sentry back up to show drivers' speed. Ms. Riner provided quotes for a new speed sentry. There was much discussion. Ms. Riner will get more quotes.

Antietam Drive Survey – Mr. Kuczynski gave an overview of the preliminary report by Tyler Truitt with The EADS Group. The report determines that Antietam Drive was formerly known as Harries Street or Harrise Street. Both spellings are used in the legal descriptions. No information has been found as to when the name change occurred. At this point, a physical survey has not been done. Mr. Truitt was able to identify from the deeds that Antietam Drive is 25 feet wide. Mr. Kuczynski recommends officially accepting the location as a result of the work that was contracted, but the Council will wait for the final report from Mr. Truitt.

FY2026 Budget – The budget was introduced last month. Mr. Hull motioned to adopt the FY2026 budget ordinance, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Stonecrest SW Pond Mowing – Ms. Riner reported it would be an extra \$100/month to mow the area between the fence and the road by the SW Pond and the entrance. A Stonecrest resident requested that it be mowed once a week. Ms. Riner said it may not

need to be mowed as often later in the season. Mr. Hull motioned to let Mr. Babington use his discretion on the extra mowing, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

ARC Grant Comprehensive Plan Update - Ms. Riner reported that we received the grant.

New Business

Municipal Infraction Ordinance – Ms. Riner said she spoke to Mr. Kuczynski about this due to an untagged vehicle on private property. Mr. Kuczynski said to enforce ordinances, you have to create authority. The code of ordinances need to be amended to issue citations/penalties. These are considered civil offenses.

Nuisance Ordinance – Mr. Kuczynski said this covers nuisance situations and identifies what the nuisance is. There was much discussion. Mr. Hull motioned to introduce both Ordinances, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Slate Fundraiser for Mt. Vernon Reformed Church Roof Replacement – Ms. Pangle mentioned using the old slate tiles to raise funds to offset the cost of the roof replacement. Slate tiles can be sold as is and/or commission an artist to paint them with something church related. These are just a couple of ways to recycle the old slate. There was some discussion on other ways to raise money for the church repairs. We are still waiting to hear about the grant, but Ms. Riner said if anyone knows of other grant opportunities, please let her know.

Snow Removal and De-Icing Bids – Ms. Riner said she will be getting these out soon.

Non-Discrimination Statement – Ms. Riner reported that this is needed to apply for the Nora Roberts Foundation grant. Mr. Hull motioned to accept, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Residents Comments

Ms. Gemeny mentioned growth in the drain behind her house on Mt. Vernon Drive.

Council Comments

Ms. Baker raised concerns about chickens being allowed as emotional support animals. What other types of animals would qualify, and how many? Ms. Riner said Planning and Zoning has talked about doing something regarding emotional support animals.

Ms. Kerns mentioned there is sumac growing out of the drain on the south end of Main St near the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Teresa Pangle, Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting June 4, 2025

All attendees must sign in. Attendee comments will be heard at the discretion of the presiding officer and only during the appropriate time in the agenda. Those wishing to be heard must sign in and must check the appropriate box. Comments will be limited to three minutes each.

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Mayor & Council Agenda June 4, 2025

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2025 Budget Hearing and May 7, 2025 Mayor & Council Meeting

General Fund Report: \$477,508.16

Announcements: Town Hall Closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth; the July 10th Planning & Zoning Meeting has been moved to Thursday, June 26th at 7pm at Town Hall; No Green Team Meeting in June

Community Deputy Report

Resident Comments

Old Business: Speed bumps on Mt. Vernon Dr & new Speed Sentry; Antietam Drive Survey; FY 2026 Budget; Stonecrest stormwater ponds mowing; ARC Grant for Comprehensive Plan Update

New Business: Municipal Infraction Ordinance; Nuisance Ordinance; Slate fundraiser for Mt. Vernon Reformed Church Roof Replacement; Snow Removal and De-Icing Bids; Non-Discrimination Statement

Resident Comments

Council Comments

Adjournment