

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Matthew Hull, Council
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Approved

Mayor and Council Minutes April 1, 2026

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

Minutes from the March 4, 2026 Meeting and Closed Session were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$608,821.79

Announcements were read.

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins reported the following checks: 4 in Cannon Ridge, 5 in Rockingham, 5 in Stonecrest, 3 at the park, 1 at the filtration plant, 1 at the cemetery, 2 at the church, 3 calls for service, 1 hour of parking enforcement, and 2 days of training.

Resident Comments

Sharpsburg Elementary DI Team Donation Request – Lexie Wazelle reported that the Sharpsburg Destination Imagination Team won at the Regional and State levels. They are going to the global competition in Kansas City, MO, and are requesting a donation. Ms. Baker motioned to donate \$250.00, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Reappoint John Puffenbarger to Planning & Zoning Commission – Mr. Hull motioned to reappoint John Puffenbarger to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Retirement Benefits – Ms. Riner provided three quotes for comparison (CBIZ, Nationwide, & Veridien), and said the Council didn't need to decide tonight, but needs to decide in time for the budget process. Ms. Riner included a summary of what other towns provide. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move forward with CBIZ, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Community Deputy Program Renewal – Ms. Riner reported that the costs are not going up this year. Mr. Hull motioned to renew the program, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

FY2027 Budget – Ms. Riner said this is the first look at the budget, but not the official introduction. There was much discussion. The Council proposed changes to a few budget amounts, which will be discussed at the next meeting and the budget hearing.

Cable Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kuczynski will compare it with the last agreement.

House Bill 1142 Local Revenue Task Force Resolution – Mayor Lord said MML is looking for a letter of support in the form of a resolution. This bill is to modernize county and municipal revenue sources. Mayor Lord said it doesn't really affect us. Mr. Sweeney didn't see a benefit or a negative. The Council agreed to leave it alone.

15 S Main St Pocket Park – Ms. Pangle reported Catoctin Land Trust is interested in removing invasives and planting natives, but they would need the town to remove the asphalt and concrete. The council would like to see a concept plan from Catoctin Land Trust. Mr. Hull suggested getting a quote from Mr. Babington to remove the asphalt and concrete.

Sustainable Maryland Requirement – The Green Team needs to recertify this year and needs another priority item. We could do an energy audit on the Mt. Vernon Church, but the estimate was \$2,750.00. The other option is to adopt the green purchasing policy. The council asked to see a copy of the green purchasing policy. Ms. Pangle will email them a copy tomorrow.

Boonsboro Fishing Derby Donation – Ms. Riner said she received the request today, and we usually donate \$100.00. Ms. Baker motioned to donate the same amount as last year (\$100.00), Mr. Hull seconded, and all voted in favor.

Comprehensive Plan Meeting – Ms. Riner said they want to hold a public meeting in a larger facility. She spoke to Salem United Methodist Church about using their basement. They require a \$50.00 donation. Mr. Hull motioned to donate \$50.00 to Salem United Methodist Church to hold the Comprehensive Plan meeting, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Residents Comments

Ms. Gemeny said someone mentioned donating to the Keedysville Ruritan Club. The Council said they are looking to add it to the next FY budget.

Council Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle, Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council Agenda April 1, 2026

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2026 Meeting and Closed Session

General Fund Report: \$608,821.79

Announcements: Town Hall Closed April 3 for Good Friday; Planning & Zoning Commission and Comprehensive Plan Meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:30pm at Town Hall; Town Election Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9am-6pm at Town Hall (Deadline to register to vote is Monday, April 6, 2026; Candidate applications due Monday, April 13, 2026 by 3pm at Town Hall); Springfest Saturday, May 2 at Taylor Park; Bulk Trash Pick-up Saturday, May 16, 2026

Community Deputy Report

Resident Comments: Sharpsburg Elementary DI Team Donation Request

Old Business

New Business: Reappoint John Puffenbarger to Planning & Zoning Commission; Retirement Benefits; Community Deputy Program Renewal; FY2027 Budget; Cable Franchise Agreement; House Bill 1142 Local Revenue Task Force Resolution; 15 S Main St Pocket Park; Sustainable Maryland Requirement

Resident Comments

Council Comments

Adjournment