

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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

## Mayor and Council Minutes May 6, 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 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 April 1, 2026, meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$549,269.53

Announcements were read.

### Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins reported the following checks: 9 in Cannon Ridge, 11 in Rockingham, 9 in Stonecrest, 7 at the park, 4 at the filtration plant, 4 at the cemetery, 5 at the church, 5 calls for service, 1 special event (Easter egg hunt), and 1 day of training. There was a discussion concerning youth and recent destructive behavior. The use of E-bikes was also discussed.

### Resident Comments

N/A

### Old Business

Retirement Benefits – Ms. Riner provided information on retirement benefits from other Washington County municipalities and estimates of Keedysville's annual retirement contributions by percentage. She said we are already signed up with CBIZ, and they are processing the paperwork. It's up to the Council to decide if they want to do a Town contribution and how much. Mr. Hull motioned to adopt the 5% contribution to the retirement fund, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

FY2027 Budget – Mr. Kuczynski suggested introducing the Town & Water budgets tonight, and he will prepare a written version to be available for adoption at the June meeting. It will become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hull motioned to introduce the FY2026-2027 Town & Water budgets with slight changes. Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Cable Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kuczynski has compared it against the 2015 version. It's similar, but there are a few variations. He asked them to send a side-by-side comparison, and he will do his own comparison. There are a few things

that need to be addressed regarding customer complaint provisions and insurance. They proposed that they would pay a higher percentage of 5% instead of 3%. Mr. Sweeney raised several concerns. Mr. Kuczynski requested that Mr. Sweeney send him his bullet points, and he will look into them. Mr. Kuczynski said the council could introduce the ordinance that is necessary to enact the amended franchise agreement. It wouldn't be passed until the June meeting at the earliest. Mr. Sweeney motioned to introduce the ordinance with amendments, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Green Purchasing Policy – Ms. Pangle provided a more suitable version of the Green Purchasing Policy for the Council to edit and adopt. Mr. Sweeney has a few minor edits to make in this version and will send them to Ms. Pangle. Ms. Riner said it will be an official policy that the Council will pass as a resolution at the June meeting.

Mt. Vernon Reformed Church Restoration Work and Funding – Ms. Riner said the funding Senator Corderman was trying to get for the additional work on the church did not come through for this budget cycle. He will try again next year. We have the funding for the roof, and need to get started soon since some of the grants have to be spent this year. The masonry company would prefer to do its work before the roof repair, but we don't have masonry funding at this time. Ms. Riner said the masonry repair would be \$72k if the Council wanted to pay for it. Ms. Baker asked if the masonry company could give us a quote on doing just the masonry work above the roof. Staff will get the quote for next month's meeting. Ms. Baker asked if we could start bidding out the roof project since it's a long process, and Ms. Riner agreed.

Taylor Park Restroom Renovation – Ms. Riner said the contractors hit a snag with County permitting due to the restrooms not being ADA-compliant. The women's restroom is the issue due to the configuration of the partitions. Option A involves moving the handicap toilet so the partition door can swing into the stall without encroaching on the required clearance for the toilet. The smaller stall would still technically not meet ADA requirements, but they received verbal acceptance from the permitting office that they would approve it. The cost for option A is an additional \$2,600.00. Option B involves making both restrooms "Family" restrooms. Both restrooms would have one urinal and one toilet, and would lock from the exterior door. This option has no additional cost. Ms. Kerns motioned to go with Option B, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Speeding on Main St – Ms. Riner provided radar data for April 1<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> on N. Main St just past the park. Ms. Riner said she can give this data to the state. Ms. Kerns expressed concern about the speed at which some people take the left onto Dogstreet Rd, from S. Main St. Ms. Riner will have Mr. Babington move it there next.

#### New Business

Stonecrest Sign Complaints – Ms. Riner said there were a couple of complaints after Mr. Babington installed the signs. Mr. Babington strategically placed them around the circle and met with Ms. Pangle to discuss the complaints. Mr. Hull mentioned this was done for the greater good, for emergency vehicles to get around the circle. The Council had no issues with the placement of the signs. Ms. Riner said we have someone coming to paint the double yellow line. Painting the curbs red has been discussed, but it would require a lot of maintenance, so the Council agreed not to paint the curbs.

Brandenburg Field Flagpole and Fence – Ms. Riner said Planning and Zoning, while working on the Comprehensive Plan, has discussed removing the fence and the flagpole in the middle of the ballfield. P&Z would like the Council's opinion about taking down the fence and moving the flagpole. The flagpole was a dedication by Gina Ellis in memory of her parents. Mayor Lord will reach out to Ms. Ellis to see if she approves of relocating the flagpole. There was a discussion about the use and maintenance of the ballfield. The Town will mow if needed for now.

Tele-Plus Cameras Extended Service Agreement – The service agreement is for cameras at Town Hall, Taylor Park, Library, and Mt. Vernon Church. Mr. Sweeney motioned to continue with the silver maintenance plan, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor. The cameras at the water plant are not included. Ms. Riner mentioned the water plant cameras come out of a different fund, but she will see if there's a price savings by combining the accounts. The two camera accounts can't be synced up until next year.

Mt Vernon Reformed Church Plumbing – Antietam Plumbing came out to de-winterize the church. He said the kitchen and restroom faucets need replacing, as well as the toilet. He also recommended replacing the outside hose bib. The estimate was \$1,735.00. Mr. Hull motioned to approve the upgrades, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Playground Equipment – Ms. Riner said the playground equipment is nearing the end of its life. She will apply for grant funds, but before that, the Council needs to decide on what to put there. There are many playground companies out there. Ms. Riner said Kompan will come out and give a quote. Ms. Riner asked the Council to email her their ideas on what they want to incorporate in a new playground. There was much discussion.

Washington County 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary July 4, 2026 Event Table – Ms. Riner asked the Council what they wanted to do for the event table in regards to display, giveaways, etc. Ms. Riner said our table will be inside in the multi-purpose room. They will supply the tables and chairs. There was much discussion about ideas for the table. Ms. Kerns volunteered to head up a small committee and attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

#### Residents Comments

David Wyand shared some history and memories of Keedysville.

#### Council Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Pangle, Administrative Assistant