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Approved

Mayor and Council
Minutes
October 7, 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, Town Administrator Lisa Riner, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the September 2, 2026 (water rate hearing, regular & closed session) meetings were approved.

The General Fund Report was $475,653.75

Announcements were read

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins completed the following checks: 5 in Cannon Ridge, 5 in Rockingham, 5 in Stonecrest, 3 at the park, 2 at the filtration plant, 3 at the cemetery, 2 at the church, 5 calls for service, 2 days of training, and 1 special event for Trivia Night.

Resident Comments

Crop Walk Donation – Mr. Bishop gave a brief overview of the Crop Walk. It benefits Church World Service. 25% of the money raised in Keedysville stays in South Washington County. The Rohrersville Band will start playing at 1:00 pm in Taylor Park, and the Ruritans will provide lunch. The walk starts at 2:00 pm. Mr. Hull motioned to donate $150.00, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Boonsboro Band Booster Donation – Cristina Cook said Boonsboro Band Boosters support the middle and high school band programs and students. They rely heavily on community and local business support because school funding alone does not cover the needs of the program. Mr. Hull motioned to donate $100.00, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor. Mayor Lord and Ms. Baker recused themselves due to their kids being involved.

Old Business

Cable Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kuczynski has not heard back.

Eagle Scout Project-Trash Receptacles at Taylor Park – Last month the Council asked what the cost difference would be using a composite material vs. wood. Mr. Sweeney said she has selected Trex boards with a natural color and has spent

$1,069.04 so far. She still needs to get anchors. She is waiting to hear about the Ruritan's donation. Mr. Hull motioned to donate $600.00, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Wildlife Habitats – Ms. Pangle reported on the recommended locations at Taylor Park. The chimney swift tower will go near the monarch butterfly garden, the bat house will go on the gable end of pavilion #3 facing Main St., and the bluebird house will go on the garage end of the restrooms in the grass at the property line. Mr. Hull motioned to approve that plan, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor. A resident asked how the bat guano would be handled. Ms. Pangle said she will get an answer to that question.

Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Kuczynski recommended passing it as an emergency ordinance, so that it becomes effective today, since the deadline was October 1, 2026. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move forward with it as an emergency ordinance, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Ms. Baker made a motion to move into closed session, Mr. Hull seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting went into closed session at 7:26 pm.

Closed Session Summary: A closed session was held on 10/7/26 at the Keedysville Town Hall to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. 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. This meeting was closed under the following provisions of the General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7). "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice". The topic discussed was the use of the lot at 15 S Main St. Persons present for this discussion were Mayor Lord, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Kerns, Mr. Hull, Ms. Baker, Mr. Kuczynski, Ms. Riner, and Ms. Pangle.

Mr. Sweeney made a motion to move back into open session, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting moved back into open session at 8:15.

New Business

15 S Main St Request – First request: Mr. Sweeney motioned to allow the non-exclusive limited parking area at 15 S. Main St for October 10th to the 11th. The Town does not authorize or prohibit the use of the creek from that site. Any damage or injuries that occur on that site are the responsibility of the authorized user. Also, with this use, they requested temporary staging of kayaks, canoes, and small non-motorized boats and supplies there, which is acceptable. Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Second request: Mr. Sweeney motioned to allow the non-exclusive limited parking at 15 S Main St from the dates of October 10th to the 20th. Any damage or injuries that occur on that site are the responsibility of the authorized user. Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

MDOT Salt Utilization Agreement – Ms. Riner confirmed the same amount as the last time. Mr. Hull motioned to accept the agreement, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Tree Trimming – Ms. Riner mentioned Mr. Babington trimmed trees along the alleyways around town, and some residents didn't appreciate that. Ms. Riner said we don't have any ordinance that requires residents to keep their trees out of the roadway. Is it something the Council wants to consider? Mr. Hull said the roads are our right-of-way. The ownership of the tree ends at their property line. The Council agreed to leave things as they are currently.

FY 2026 Audit – Ms. Riner has been working with the audit company for the last few weeks. They are almost done and will attend the November meeting.

15 S Main St Pocket Park – The Green Team decided to apply for this year's $20k Sustainable Maryland grant to use for the pocket park. Ms. Pangle met with the Laurel Field Company today to get a design/quote to use for the grant application.

Facilities Use Agreement – Council agreed to table for next month's meeting

Tele-Plus Alarm Extended Service Agreement – Ms. Riner said we signed for the silver plan last year. This year the silver plan is $352.00. Mr. Hull motioned to continue with the silver plan, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Residents Comments
N/A

Council Comments
Ms. Kerns commented that it was great to see all the activity at the ballfield tonight.
Ms. Kerns mentioned the Keedysville Historical Society's "Raise the Roof" fundraiser for the Mt. Vernon Church roof replacement. It is on October 26th at the Red Byrd from 3 pm – 8 pm. Since the historical society is helping and will continue to help with the church project, Ms. Kerns brought applications and encouraged everyone to join/support the Keedysville Historical Society.
Ms. Kerns said the Pashmans (who own the original Christian Keedy house) have invited the Keedysville Historical Society to have their October meeting there and tour the house. It is only open to members of the historical society.

Ms. Riner said the water rates were not on the October agenda and will need to be voted on at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council and Water Commission Meeting
October 7, 2026

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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Rob Pashman 19239 Shepherdstown Pk ☐

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Agenda
October 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2026 Meeting

General Fund Report: $475,653.75

Announcements: Community Yard Sale Saturday, October 10; Bulk Trash Pick-up Saturday, October 17; Trick or Treating Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 pm

Community Deputy Report

Resident Comments: Crop Walk; Boonsboro Band Boosters Donation

Old Business: Cable Franchise Agreement; Eagle Scout Project - Trash Receptacles at Taylor Park; Wildlife Habitats; Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Closed Session. The session will be closed under the statutory authority of the Maryland Open Meetings Act General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7): to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

New Business: 15 S Main St Request; MDOT Salt Utilization Agreement; Tree Trimming; FY 2026 Audit; 15 S Main St Pocket Park; Facilities Use Agreement; Tele-Plus Alarm Extended Service Agreement

Resident Comments

Council Comments

Adjournment