

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
July 9, 2014

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Ralph Whitmore, Commissioners Russell Winch, Chad Weddle, and Debbie Zimmerman; Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Robert DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, 6 citizens, Kelsi Loos, of the Frederick News-Post, and Sherry Greenfield, free-lance reporter. Commissioners Gary Baker and Donald Schildt were on vacation.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

1. MINUTES

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to approve both the Town meeting minutes and the Closed Legal/personnel meeting minutes of June 25, 2014. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0-1, with Commissioner Russell Winch abstaining.

2. MML UPDATE – COMMISSIONER RUSSELL WINCH

Burgess Ralph Whitmore introduced Commissioner Russell Winch as the new MML Frederick County Chapter President. Commissioner Winch reported on the following MML issues and updates:

- Recycling law goes into effect on October 1st for owners and managers of condominiums. They are required to provide on-site recycling services 24/7. Frederick County staff presented an update on this at the MML chapter meeting. Municipalities have concerns about this and would like the County to get involved in implementing the requirement. Apparently, condos do not receive the blue recycling bins and the County contractors' trucks do not pick up the large recycling dumpsters.
- The MML Chapter is preparing a list of questions for the candidates regarding municipal issues. Anyone with a relevant question should submit it to Commissioner Winch. The next MML meeting is August 28th and the incinerator has inspired some questions from a municipal standpoint.
- Legislative requests should be submitted to Commissioner Winch.
- Commissioner Winch is planning to hold the December MML meeting at Walkers Overlook, since the traditional location of Cozy Restaurant has been closed.

3. LETTER TO DELEGATION REGARDING THE NEW WATER PLANT

Burgess Whitmore reported on his discussions with Delegate Kelly Schulz regarding support from the State of Maryland for the Town's plans for a new water plant. A letter needs to be sent to Delegate Schulz. Also the commissioners need to authorize a letter to the Frederick County delegation.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to send a letter requesting support for the Town's plans for a new water plant to the Frederick County delegation. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

5. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioners reviewed the Carnival Report prepared by the Walkersville Resident Troopers.

There were no further Commissioners' Concerns noted.

6. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

George Rudy, exiled, got a packet of information from MDE regarding Valero. He wants the Planning Commission and the Burgess & Commissioners to be provided with copies. He noted that there are substantive issues and MDE is not friendly. Mr. Rudy also noted that Waste-to-Energy and recycling are contradictory terms, that there are major environmental issues with WTE and that there are 22 schools within 3 miles of the proposed plant site.

Vaughn Zimmerman, representing the Walkersville Fire Company, thanked the Town for their help and assistance during the carnival, noting that the Resident Troopers were invaluable. He also described the new tower unit that the company is purchasing at a cost of \$1.1 million, as they replace the 15 year old unit.

Burgess Whitmore displayed his copy of the book written by Mr. John Schildt, "An Ordinary Guy".

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager