

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
August 13, 2014

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, August 14, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Ralph Whitmore, Commissioners Gary Baker, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman; Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Robert DePaola, Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Dewese, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, 9 citizens, Kelsi Loos, of the Frederick News-Post, and Sherry Greenfield, free-lance reporter. Commissioners Chad Weddle and Donald Schildt were absent.

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

1. MINUTES

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to approve the Town meeting minutes of July 9, 2014. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

2. SNOW PLOW FOR NEW TRUCK

Burgess Ralph Whitmore presented invoice for new snow plow in the amount of \$5,178.00.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to purchase the new snow plow for the new truck in the amount of \$5,178.00. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

3. NEW PATHS AT HERITAGE FARM PARK

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to award the HFP path extension paving to the low bidder, Frederick County Paving, in the amount of \$56,750, and to allocate the balance needed to complete the project, in the amount of \$19,400 from the park reserved funds. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

4. UPDATE ON TOWN HALL LIGHTING

Commissioners reviewed the electrical usage chart comparing the past 3 years from February through July. It appears some of the KWH usage is going down but rate differences make it difficult to determine savings to date. We will do an annual comparison next year.

5. UPDATE ON AED

AED is installed in the Town Hall lobby for anyone needing a jump start in the future.

6. UPDATE ON WEBSITE

Website is very close to being launched at www.WalkersvilleMD.gov, hopefully by the end of the week.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

8. RESIDENT PARKING ON FREDERICK STREET – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEWESE

Andy Dewese presented the dilemma of residents on Frederick Street not being able to park in front of their own homes due to the 1-hour parking limitations between the hours of 8-4. He suggests providing residents with parking permits that exempt them from the parking restriction.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to start the implementation of the resident permit process, if Commissioner Weddle is in agreement. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

9. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Burgess Whitmore called for a closed personnel and land acquisition meeting.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to hold a closed personnel and land acquisition meeting to discuss employee raises for FY 2015 and possible sale of land to provide funding for the building of the new water plant. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Russell Winch noted that questions are being accepted for presentation at the MML Candidate Forum. The next MML meeting will be held on 8/28/2014.

Commissioner Russell Winch asked a constituent's question regarding snow plowing in GladeTowne. The Town plows the streets but not the townhouse or condo areas.

Commissioner Russell Winch registered his complaint that the trash company did not get all of the trash into the trash truck and left his trashcan willy nilly in the street. He requests that all trash be emptied into the truck and the trashcan be replaced in front of the house on the sidewalk.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to continue to retain our Town Attorney principals now that they have joined the law firm of Offit Kurman. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0. (The original acceptance also passed by Commissioners Chad Weddle, Russell Winch, and Gary Baker via an email vote on July 18th, 2014).

Ms. Rollins updated the commissioners on the upcoming resident trooper bicycle patrol training scheduled for the last week in August. The order for new police bikes through the Frederick City Police contract will now be processed.

Mr. DePaola reported that the Glade Road project is approximately 85% complete.

10. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

George Rudy, exiled, noted that he will provide the Town with the parking permit rules for homeowners as he has for his residence in Frederick City. He noted that he is about half way through the 250 page report from MDE regarding Valero. He will provide the Town with a summary of the substantive issues, in hard copy and digital. He requested a letter from the Town outlining the new water plant plans for a reverse osmosis facility. He explained that several of the groups of which he is a member will be holding a seminar with subject matter experts on waste to energy. They are trying to arrange the seminar to be held in Winchester Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager