

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
December 10, 2014

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Ralph Whitmore, Commissioners Gary Baker, Donald Schildt, Chad Weddle, Russ Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Robert DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, 8 citizens, Kelsey Loos of the Frederick News-Post, and Sherry Greenfield, reporter, and TFC Matt Crouse.

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 November 12, 2014. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt abstaining.

2. ORDINANCE 2014-06 RE-INTRODUCE OBSTRUCTION TO VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS AND ORDINANCE 2014-07 – RE-INTRODUCE FENCES

Ms. Hauver explained that the two ordinances had been introduced September 24, 2014. The Planning Commission provided some revisions and held a public hearing and are recommending approval. Since the 90 day mark since introduction is approaching, she requests they be re-introduced and scheduled for public hearing before the Commissioners in January 2015.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to reintroduce Ordinance 2014-06 to amend §69-10 Obstructions to View at Intersections, and Ordinance 2014-07 to amend §88-12 and delete §88-57F, and hold public hearing in January 2015. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. ORDINANCE 2014-08 OLD TOWN MIXED USE REVISIONS AND ORDINANCE 2014-09 NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

Ms. Hauver reviewed two ordinances proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: revisions to the Old Town Mixed Use district regulations and revisions to the nonconforming uses and structures section. The Planning Commission recommends they be introduced and scheduled for public hearings.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to introduce Ordinance 2014-08 Old Town Mixed Use revisions and Ordinance 2014-09 for nonconforming uses and structures. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. WATER PLANT – APPROVAL AND PROCESS

Burgess Whitmore explained the timeline needed to get the new water plant underway.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schildt, to move forward with preparation of the RFP for design of the plant, to be used for the bidding for construction of the plant. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

5. CLARIFICATION ON WATER BILL RECALCULATION

Mr. Mark Simmons came forward to further discuss the recalculation of his high water bill, due to an undetected leak. The Burgess and Commissioners explained that the Town process is to allow a resident to request recalculation of a high water bill using the Town's industrial water rate.

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND NOVEMBER 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to pay the attached bills and approve the November financial statements. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

7. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Donald Schildt presented an article from the MML magazine about the sale of memorial bricks as a fundraiser in a Maryland town. He would like to pursue this idea for the Town.

Commissioner Schildt notified everyone of a drug education seminar with presenter Mike Gimbel to be held at the Catholic Church on Saturday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Schildt noted a letter received by Grossnickle Farms regarding 39 acres of flood plain.

Commissioner Schildt suggested lighting luminaries at the cemetery next year before the Christmas tree lighting.

Burgess Whitmore announced that the Town parking lot bulk recycling that would normally occur on Wednesday, 12/24 Christmas eve, has been rescheduled to Monday, December 29th.

Burgess Whitmore explained that Frederick County is going throughout town marking the sewer lines with green paint and will be inserting cameras into the pipes to inspect for maintenance needs.

Burgess Whitmore announced that a list of World War I veterans has been discovered and next year's Veterans Day remembrance should honor them.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Susan Hauver announced that the Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, December 16th has been cancelled.

8. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis thanked the ladies in the office, Diane Fauble and Sherrie Kline, for their contributions and preparations for the Christmas tree lighting festivities and also thanked Kelly Woods for his hard work stringing the lights and setting up the park.

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to hold a closed legal meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt in opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager