

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
April 8, 2015

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Ralph Whitmore, Commissioners Gary Baker, Donald Schildt, Chad Weddle, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Robert DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, 11 citizens, Ken Kellar of the Woodsboro Times, Roger Wilson, Frederick County.

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 both the Town meeting minutes and Closed personnel meeting minutes of March 25, 2015. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt abstaining.

2. INTRODUCE BOY SCOUTS PRESENT

Daniel and Ryan, of Troop 1011, were present to observe the meeting for their Citizenship badge.

3. HEARTLY HOUSE PRESENTATION – INGA JAMES

Ms. James presented a power point informational selection on the services of Heartly House and the abuse statistics for Frederick County. She will provide pamphlets for the reading rack in the Town Hall.

4. UPDATE ON WATER PLANT ENGINEERING BIDS

Ms. Rollins notified Commissioners that Michael Marschner has completed his preliminary evaluation and rankings of the water plant engineering proposals. The next step is to present each bidder with clarification questions on their proposals, in order to be able to adequately compare the proposals. We will also contact the references for each bidder prior to making a decision.

5. AWARD COMMUNITY PARK BASKETBALL COURT REHAB

This item was on the agenda prematurely. The advertisement for bids is forthcoming, so the award cannot take place yet.

6. BUDGET REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Rollins asked that budget requests be to her by next week for inclusion in the draft budget workshop.

7. WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to offer a bill recalculation to the industrial rate for the 106 Colony Court property, per the management company's request. It will be reiterated that this a one-time chance for a recalculation due to a water leak and high bill. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

9. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Donald Schildt asked if the Town could install a sidewalk connecting Glade Road to Polaris Drive, over the Frederick County Library property. After much discussion and input, it was determined it probably is not possible.

Commissioner Donald Schildt asked that more light be installed at Creamery Park and that troopers monitor the park in the dark areas often.

Commissioner Donald Schildt updated everyone on the upcoming Drug Seminar. He noted that all the churches that were contacted are on board. It will be held either at the Methodist Church or the Catholic Church with Mike Gimbal and Paul Palmer as speakers. It will be held May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Russell Winch asked that a drug disposal day be held on June 13 during the bulk trash pickup day and the shred event being held in the Town Hall parking lot. He also announced a Drug Drop Off event being held at Harry Grove Stadium on April 18th, 8:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Russell Winch announced that MML is offering Frederick County students application for 3 -\$500 scholarships, to be awarded to those going into a career in public service/government.

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to hold a closed personnel meeting under §10-508(a)(1)(b) to discuss any other personnel matter that affects 1 or more specific individuals. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt in opposition.

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to approve installation of more light at Creamery Park. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager