

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
May 27, 2015

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, May 27, 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, Public Works Director Robert DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, 9 citizens, and Kelsi Loos of the Frederick News-Post.

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 May 13, 2015 and the Closed Personnel minutes of May 13, 2015. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2015-01 GENERAL FUND FY 2016 BUDGET

Ms. Rollins reviewed the General Fund budget for FY 2016 and changes that had been made since the May 13th introduction. Since the budget was introduced, it was determined that the Town has been allocated \$100,000 of Program Open Space funds at a reimbursement rate of 90%. Adding the \$90,000 to Program Open Space revenue and increasing the amount Available for projects makes a total General Fund budget for FY 2016 in the amount of \$3, 049,313.

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to adopt Ordinance 2015-01 General Fund Budget FY2016 with the change of adding the \$90,000 Program Open Space funds effect. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2015-02 WATER FUND FY 2016 BUDGET

Ms. Rollins reviewed the Water Fund budget for FY 2016 and changes that had been made since the May 13th introduction. Expense item Water Plant Design was reduced by \$58,050. Discussion ensued regarding the need to raise water rates sufficiently to cover operating costs. Commissioners asked for some information on the number of minimum bill users and the effects of raising the minimum bill for the first 10,000 gallons of water use.

Commissioner Chad Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to adopt Ordinance 2015-02 Water Fund Budget FY2016 as presented in the amount of \$1,620,686. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. OLD TOWN MIXED USE ZONING – DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Hauver reviewed the background on the Pratt property at 19 Maple Street, and the previous request to change zoning from R3 to Old Town Mixed Use. Planning Commission is asking for direction from the Burgess and Commissioners.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chad Weddle, to instruct the Planning Commission to pursue the development of a floating zoning district. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt in opposition.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

6. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Donald Schildt reported on the Drug Seminar held Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Walkersville United Methodist Church. He thanked the speakers and all those who sponsored it and attended.

Commissioner Gary Baker reminded everyone of upcoming Farmers' Market on Fridays, starting June 5th at the B Building from 4-7 p.m. It should run through August. Oakie Doke Farm is the head vendor.

Commissioner Gary Baker requested that the Economic Development Committee be allowed to use the electricity from Creamery Park so that two bands can play at the June 6th Spring Bazaar.

Commissioner Donald Schildt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chad Weddle, to allow the EDC to utilize the electrical hook up at Creamery Park on June 6th for the Spring Bazaar. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Chad Weddle announced that there will be a Heroin Seminar, tomorrow, Thursday, at the Jack Kussmaul Theater located at Frederick Community College, from 7-9 p.m.

Burgess Ralph Whitmore reminded commissioners of the Joint MML meeting to be held in Mt. Airy and asked commissioners to rsvp to Ms. Rollins or the front office.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to hold a closed personnel meeting to discuss the hiring of two individuals. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Russell Winch reported on the progress of coming up with a slogan for the new Town welcome signs. From the Facebook poll of 100 responses, 73 have voted for "Heartland of Frederick County". The voting will run a while longer.

Burgess Ralph Whitmore suggested that the Economic Development Committee do some recognizing of successful business that are cleaning up their locations.

7. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

George Rudy, in exile, noted that he goes to the Tavern for dinner on Friday nights. He has a complaint about the trucks parked at the shopping center. He contacted Tomarchio and has been in touch with Nina, the office manager, to work out how to get them removed. He suggests that the Town's resident troopers look up the license numbers and have the vehicles towed.

Burgess Whitmore announced that election time is coming up (Monday, September 14, 2015) and that he will not be a candidate. He plans to work hard on the park building project, the water plant project, and the sale of the watershed before he retires.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager