

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
April 13, 2016

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Chad Weddle, Commissioners Gary Baker, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Donald Schildt, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Bob DePaola, TFC Richard Freysz, Mr. Matthew Bryant of CIAlarm, 33 citizens, and Mike Persley from Frederick News-Post.

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

1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to approve three sets of minutes from the Special Boy Scout meeting, Town meeting, and the Closed Legal/Personnel meeting minutes of March 23, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt abstaining.

2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

3. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman asked if there was an update on the building at HFP – we are awaiting the engineering completion for the building.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman announced that GVAA's new president is Mr. Mike Rice, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported that she plans to attend Frederick County's budget hearing on 4/19 at 7:00 p.m. to keep an eye on the library progress. She also reported that she and staff Martha Bush attended the recent Green Team Summit, a 3-hour program on sustainability issues. The Town is interested in establishing its own volunteer Green Team and will ask for interest in the upcoming Talk of the Town newsletter, an insert in the water bills going out May 1st.

Commissioner Donald Schildt noted that he wants to cut off acceptance of Memorial Park brick orders on May 11th. He hopes that the park survey will be completed soon.

Commissioner Schildt asked that the Town proceed with the sidewalk repair project as imagined by former Burgess Ralph Whitmore. After much discussion on this issue throughout the meeting, it was decided to invite the Town Attorney to a closed legal meeting in the future to review the options and liabilities of proceeding.

Commissioner Russell Winch announced the April 30th Drug Disposal Day at Key Stadium.

4. PRESENTATION BY CRIME INTERVENTION ALARM – MATTHEW BRYANT

Mr. Matthew Bryant presented his proposal for a network of cameras to be located in Town parks and facilities and entertained many questions from citizens in the audience. Of note, the cameras are not for monitoring speeding but for providing valuable information and evidence after a crime is detected. TFC Richard Freysz expressed the value in this additional tool that will enhance the police efforts in doing their jobs.

5. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Burgess Weddle reviewed the announcement list at the end of the agenda.

Commissioner Russell Winch would like to revisit the possibility of the Town connecting a water line to the City of Frederick to provide water to residents in lieu of constructing a new water plant. He would like to postpone any

decision to explore the feasibility of connecting to the Fountainrock spring as an alternate supply to the Town wells. He will make inquiries to the appropriate city and county departments to reopen this discussion.

Commissioner Donald Schildt made a motion to table the decision to instruct the engineers to begin the permitting process to utilize Fountainrock spring. The motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to allow Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP to proceed with the process and permitting needed to implement the use of the Fountainrock spring as the water source for the new water treatment plant. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the ten year old outstanding water bill that occurred before the Town implemented the one time recalculation to the industrial rate method. *Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to approve staff recommendation and abate the balance of the bill. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

Ms. Hauver reported that the annexation agreement for Century Center, signed in September 2010, obligated the developer to construct Richard Winn Lane. The 7-year implementation date is fast approaching. As there are upcoming improvements being proposed in that area, we will contact the Town Attorney to discover our options as to getting the road completed per their commitment.

Ms. Hauver updated the Commissioners on the status of the 3 developments in process within the Town, i.e. Mill Run, Parkside, and the Bell Property.

Mr. DePaola presented the estimate to complete the repaving of a section of Liberty Street in the amount of \$9,728. The work will be done by Delauter & Sons. *Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to complete the paving on Liberty Street in the amount of \$9,728. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

Attending Boy Scouts stood and introduced themselves to the Commissioners.

The issue of sidewalk paving erupted again. Staff requested clarification on how to proceed. A suggestion was made that the Code Enforcement Officer would inspect all sidewalks and site those in need repair/repaving. *Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to get bids on sidewalk cost replacement in old town only, i.e. Fulton, Main, etc. There was no vote on the motion.*

Burgess Weddle will invite the Town Attorney to come to a closed legal meeting and explain sidewalk issues and liability at a May meeting at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager