

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
April 27, 2016

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, April 27, 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, 9 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 Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to approve the minutes of the Town meeting of April 13, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BUD OTIS

Burgess Chad Weddle acknowledged the presence of Frederick County Council President Bud Otis and thanked him for his attendance at our meeting.

3. MILL RUN SUBDIVISION LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Burgess and Commissioners reviewed the public works agreements, cost estimates, easement documents and water tap purchase agreement for the Mill Run development on Pennsylvania Avenue (owner/developer Ausherman). The HOA documents were submitted for Planning Commission approval along with the final plats on April 26, 2016. The documents for review include:

- Standard Public Works Agreement
- Approved Cost Estimate/Letter of Credit –Public Improvements/SWM
- Approved Cost Estimate/Letter of Credit – FRO
- Forest Improvements Agreement (Public Works Agreement)
- Forest Resource Deed of Easement/Maintenance Covenants & Agreement
- Deed of Easement/Maintenance Covenants & Agreement for Public Drainage & Stormwater Management
- Standard Water Tap Purchase Agreement
- Deed of Easement (Waterline)

The documents were previously reviewed by staff and the Town attorney. The cost estimates for public improvements were approved by the Town engineer.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to approve and accept the Mill Run subdivision legal documents as reviewed by the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. FY 2017 BUDGET PREVIEW

Burgess Chad Weddle asked commissioners to review the preview of the FY 2017 budget and come back to the May 25th town meeting with comments, additions, etc. Discussion ensued regarding the budget for the Town welcome sign, snow removal costs for the year's snow storms, camera monitoring fees, a sustainability line item, and switching to LED street lighting within the Town.

5. AWARD OF WALKER FARM LEASE

Bids of \$212, \$176, and \$167 per acre for farming the 200 acre Walker Farm were received from Robert Kline, Matthew Toms, and Jay Inskeep respectively.

Commissioner Russell Winch discussed the lease and noted it would behoove the Town to continue the cooperative relationship with the current contractor.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to award the Walker Farm lease of 200 acres to current contractor, Matthew Toms, @\$176 per acre. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman recusing herself from the vote.

6. TRASH AWARD

Trash collection bids were opened Thursday, April 21st in the amounts of \$90,089.40 and \$291,551.00 from Ecology Services and Republic Services respectively.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to award the trash contract to Ecology Services in the amount of \$90,089.40. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Commissioner Russell Winch reiterating his desire for them to put the can on the curb, the lid on the can, and the trash in the truck.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to accept and approve the March 2016 Financial Statements and pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

8. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman asked to reappoint Mr. Artie Fauble and Mr. Thom Beckley to the Parks Committee. It was decided to advertise the positions to see if there was interest and to continue with Mr. Fauble and Mr. Beckley serving.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman announced that Mr. Ryan Trout will be attending the next Parks meeting.

Commissioner Russell Winch reminded commissioners of the MML dinner to be held tomorrow night at the MD National dining facility.

Commissioner Winch also announced the Saturday, April 30th Drug Take Back Day at NYMEO stadium, for disposal of unneeded prescriptions.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported that she plans to continue attending the Frederick County's budget deliberations to keep an eye on the library progress.

Commissioner Gary Baker noted he was glad to see the new crack sealer in use. He also noted that the town had received a thank you letter from the minister at Five Points noting the replacement of the church water connection by the contractor, Delauter & Son.

Commissioner Donald Schildt noted that we are over the 100 mark in brick sales. He asked commissioners to decide on the design and they agreed on the two brick wall design. He also noted that the Veterans' Day remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 13th, 2016.

Commissioner Schildt grilled Ms. Hauver on the extra gravel entrance on the corner of Kenneth Drive and Biggs Ford Road. Code Enforcement Officer Andy Dewese will be directed to review it as it was not present on the plans presented to Ms. Hauver for approval.

Commissioner Schildt asked that police business and investigations be posted on Facebook so that citizens can follow what is going on in town. Ms. Rollins noted that all information would need to come through the troopers so that their work would not be impeded and cases blown by the dissemination of information. There would also be privacy and liability issues to consider. We will continue to post activity by permission of the State Police only.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to hold a closed personnel meeting to discuss new hires. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt in opposition.

9. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Burgess Weddle reviewed the upcoming dates and announcements on the agenda.

George Rudy, 8701 Oppossumtown Pike, noted the right of way, across from his former property, at the Walker Farm looks like hell. He also stated that the Crum Road cell tower is in violation of RF levels, that he's been talking about it for 10 years, that he will soon be getting his vested interest on the corner property, that the RF is a health and safety issue, and that he will be going to the FCC.

Matthew Toms, of Crum Road, noted that he mows the right of way and would be willing to work more on it, knocking it down. It was noted that it belongs to SHA, so we will leave it alone and not interfere with it. Mr. Toms thanked the commissioners for the Walker Farm lease award.

Mr. Bud Otis came to the mike, noting it was good to be with us tonight. He stated that he will not pull the Walkersville library from the capital budget.

Walkersville Day is May 21st.

No further business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager