

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
June 8, 2016

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, June 8, 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, 6 citizens, Mike Persley from Frederick News-Post, and Ken Kellar from Woodsboro Times, and Michael Marschner from Frederick County Government.

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 both the Town meeting minutes and the Closed Legal minutes of May 25, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE INCREASE

Mr. Mike Marschner updated commissioners on information received from MDE regarding loan terms and possible forgiveness. A 20% rate increase was advertised June 3,4,and 5 for the public hearing. Information received from MDE included a possible \$1.5 million forgiveness of debt on an \$8.4 million loan. Interest rate at this time is 1.2% and term is 20 or 30 years. Staff had used \$2 million loan forgiveness, .7% interest rate, and a 20 year term, so recalculation is needed. Mr. Marschner reviewed some of the rules for utilization of the State Revolving Fund. The Town is still awaiting MDE approvals to use the Fountainrock spring as a water source for the new water plant. This approval is needed to avoid discharge of water into the Frederick County sewer system. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schildt, to introduce Ordinance 2016-05 to increase water rates as advertised 20% across all base minimums and tiers. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Donald Schildt reported that he had a meeting with Frederick Brick, Mr. DePaola, and Susan to review the layout and the property lines at Memorial Park and hopes to start construction on the wall in 2 weeks.

Commissioner Schildt asked that the United Methodist Church, as it is repaving its parking lot, be allowed to dump the millings from the job at Heritage Farm Park. Mr. DePaola noted that the town can use the millings. Commissioners concurred.

Commissioner Schildt revisited a sore subject: the stop sign at Main and Pennsylvania Avenue. Town staff had tried to move the sign in order to make it more visible instead of cutting the resident's tree back as required by the Town Code. Commissioners discussed this and directed staff to enforce the Town Code and chop the bushes back for citizen safety at the intersection.

Commissioner Gary Baker noted that he would be absent for the June 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis also will be absent for the June 22nd meeting. She also inquired about the status of the games to be painted on the blacktop at Community Park. Ms. Rollins noted that the basketball court and games should be completed as the weather and temperatures cooperate.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis asked if the LED light has been installed in Glade Towne yet. We are still awaiting delivery. She also inquired on the status of a dumpster that has been illegally situated on a town street in Deerfield. The dumpster has been removed.

Commissioner Russell Winch requested that renewal of our CPR be scheduled on his Friday off.

Commissioner Winch reminded everyone of the bulk trash pickup scheduled for this Saturday, noting items should placed at the curb starting tonight.

Commissioner Winch encouraged other commissioners to attend the MML regional meeting in Mt. Airy on June 20th. No takers.

5. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Skip Boston, 317 Braeburn Drive, explained that he had a water leak, 133,000 gallons went through the meter resulting in a bill of \$774. Commissioners explained the Town's policy of allowing a one-time recalculation of the bill to the lower industrial rate and approved the recalculation for Mr. Boston.

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

No further business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager