

MINUTES  
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING  
June 22, 2016

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Chad Weddle, Commissioners 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, and Mike Persley from Frederick News-Post. Commissioners Gary Baker and Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis were away.

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 the Closed Legal minutes of June 8, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.*

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE INCREASE

Burgess Weddle reviewed Ordinance 2016-05 that will implement a 20% increase in town water rates. There were no comments from the public.

*Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to adopt Ordinance 2016-05 to increase water rates as advertised 20% across all base minimums and tiers. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.*

3. RESOLUTION HONORING LIN SNIDER'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE ON PLANNING COMMISSION

Burgess Weddle read Resolution 2016-01 in honor of Mr. Lin Snider and his 25 years of service on the Planning Commission.

4. AT&T NEW REPORT APPROVAL

Mr. Adam Knubel and Ms. Alyssa Janury were present representing AT&T and to answer questions regarding the upgrade to AT&T equipment on Crum Tower. Commissioner Russ Winch discussed his previous concerns with the Structural Analysis and his acceptance of the new report. Mr. George Rudy continued his questions on the structural analysis and was encouraged to make good on his numerous threats to involve the FCC in the tower facility.

*Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schildt, to approve the updated reports and upgrade to the tower facility by AT&T. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.*

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and May 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS

*Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman, to accept the May 2016 Financial reports and pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.*

6. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Burgess Weddle reported that we have received information that Century Center has turned over the property to the bank. Our discussions regarding the construction of Richard Winn Lane were apparently bogus. We are awaiting legal advice from the Town Attorney as to our options in getting the road constructed in accordance with the annexation agreement, which is in place for another year.

Commissioner Donald Schildt reported that Veterans Day speaker is lined up for the ceremony, a Viet Nam era veteran. He would like to dedicate the park and the new wall to the Kiwanis Club.

Commissioner Schildt has 3 names for the Town's anniversary committee who will commence meeting in September for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Commissioner Russell Winch noted there are two areas of extreme road repair needed: the banking area of Commerce Drive and the Pizza Hut entrance. He noted that they are both private property but really need something done. Ms. Hauver reported that Code Enforcement officer Andy Dewese has been addressing it and that Commerce Drive is scheduled for work in the next 6 weeks.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman encouraged everyone to come and support the Fireman's Carnival next week.

Burgess Weddle noted that the fireworks are Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

George Rudy, 8701 Opossumtown Pike, offered a heads up to the Burgess and Commissioners regarding the Frederick County Waste assessment program report. He noted the Phase I report is deficient in many ways and that comments on the report are due the 25<sup>th</sup>. He will forward the report to everyone.

Commissioner Donald Schildt stated that he wanted a letter from the Burgess to the State Highway Administration requesting that they cease their paving of Rt. 194 during the carnival week.

The next Town meeting will be Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

No further business, so the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins  
Town Manager