

MINUTES  
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING  
July 13, 2016

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Chad Weddle, Commissioners Russell Winch, Debbie Zimmerman, Gary Baker and Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Bob DePaola, 7 citizens, and Mike Persley from Frederick News-Post. Commissioner Donald Schildt and Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins 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 the Town meeting minutes of June 22 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.*

2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2016-06 INOPERATIVE VEHICLES

Planner Hauver reviewed the proposed ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission and suggested by Town Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Dewese.

*Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to introduce Ordinance 2016-06 to amend the Zoning Ordinance with regard to parking unlicensed, unregistered and/or inoperative vehicles on lots in Town. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.*

3. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

*Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to pay the bills. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.*

4. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman said she hopes the repaving on MD 194 is done soon.

Commissioner Russell Winch noted the dirt related to grading being done in the Mill Run subdivision and its proximity to neighboring residents. He asked if the Town staff is monitoring the situation. Public Works Director Bob DePaola said he visits the site daily and checks in with the job foreman. The contractor brought a water truck to the site to address neighbor concerns about dust.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis asked who maintains the message sign on the old Exxon property and was told that representatives Boy Scout troop 1070 come up with the messages.

Commissioner Brodie-Ennis also expressed concerns about the trash contractor, who is leaving trash behind in the middle of the street.

Commissioner Brodie-Ennis also asked if anyone would object to her investigate installing solar panels on the roof of Town Hall. Burgess Weddle and Commissioner Gary Baker expressed their support of the idea.

5. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Maria Valcarcel, W. Frederick Street, complained about the temporary banners used for advertising by the shopping center tenants as well as Pizza Hut and McDonalds. She said they were in violation of the code.

Jenni Gilroy of the Deerfield Community Association complained about the trash service, noting that things are being left behind.

Ms. Gilroy also expressed concerns about speeding in her neighborhood. She said that she doesn't see any troopers enforcing the speed limit in Deerfield. The Commissioners discussed the issue and suggested the possibility of temporary speed bumps, speed signs, and speed humps.

Burgess Chad Weddle announced the upcoming meeting schedule, noting that the next meeting would be Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

On behalf of the Fire Company, Burgess Weddle thanked volunteers for their help at the carnival. He said that they grossed \$250,000, which was \$12,000 shy of last year's gross.

*Commissioner Gary Baker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to hold a closed legal meeting to discuss property acquisition and legal advice on road issues. The motion was passed on a vote of 4-0.*

No further business, so the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver  
Planning and Zoning Administrator