

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
January 25, 2017

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Chad Weddle, Commissioners Gary Baker, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Bob DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, Ken Kellar of the Woodsboro Times, and 9 citizens. Commissioner Donald Schildt was absent.

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 the Town meeting minutes of January 11, 2017, with a correction. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

2. DECISION ON WATER BILL FOR 28 WEST FREDERICK STREET

Commissioners reviewed the information presented on the water usage of 28 West Frederick Street. Staff calculated an average bill based on the previous two billing periods. It was determined that the 96,000 gallons that went through the meter was due to a faulty installation of their connection sleeve.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to bill the property for water usage based on an average of the previous two billing periods, in the amount of \$150.00. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

3. 125TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Burgess Weddle reported the last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the icy weather. The next meeting will be Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. Future meetings will be February 18th and March 25th, at 9:00 a.m. Souvenirs and ecumenical activities will be on the agenda.

4. BOY SCOUT WATERSHED AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

A proposed agreement between the Boy Scouts and the Town has been drafted by Mr. Ron Layman and the council representing the Boy Scouts. The agreement has been sent to the Town Attorney for review and there is no information for discussion at this meeting.

5. 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 4-0.

6. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman expressed her concern regarding the Planning Commission meeting of last night. She stated that she wants the issue of the Monocacy Scenic River Plan resolved, that lots of people are up in arms, and she receives lots of concerns from her peers about it.

Commissioner Russell Winch commented that it is an extremely good document, that the Monocacy Scenic River Committee did exactly what they were supposed to do, i.e. devise a plan to protect and preserve the river. He, however, will not say yes to this plan, as the lines on the map are a stigma on the land. Until the bigger players like Frederick City and Frederick County do their part to implement the plan, he noted that none of it is a regulation at this time.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis pointed out that the plan is a DRAFT, and lots of comments and complaints have been heard, and the plan will be revised prior to its final form. She noted she would not vote until it's a finished product.

Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to oppose the draft plan of the Monocacy Scenic River committee. The motion passed by a vote of 3-1, with Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis in opposition.

Staff will send a letter to the committee informing them of the commissioners vote to oppose the draft plan.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis noted the dates for the Green Team meetings and asked that they be placed on the agenda announcements each month as follows: the 1st Monday of the month, i.e. the next meeting will be February 6th, 6:30 p.m. in the small conference room.

Commissioner Gary Baker commended Planning Commission Chairman Dick Brady on his control of the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday.

Burgess Weddle reviewed all the upcoming meeting dates.

7. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Bill Dyke, 210 Old Island Court, presented an informational newspaper from another municipality. He asked the Town share more information with its citizens, noting there is a vacuum and people don't know things that are going on, such as the upcoming new water plant. Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis noted that the website and Facebook page, along with the Talk of the Town newsletter in the water bills, shares a bit of information.

George Rudy, Oppossumtown Pike, asked for clarification on the Monocacy River Board meeting schedule. Ms. Hauver informed him there will be a meeting on February 1st, in Winchester Hall.

Ken Kellar, Woodsboro Times, reported the business model for his newspaper is the sale of ads and space, with news filled in as he can.

Mr. Bob DePaola reported that the pressure monitors approved at the last town meeting have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival and schedule of the installation.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis asked that the spotlights on the front flag poles be adjusted so as not to blind drivers and passersby.

No further business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager