

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
February 8, 2017

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, February 8, 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, and 17 citizens. Commissioner Donald Schildt was absent.

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 January 25, 2017. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

2. MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Brodie-Ennis reported that the Green Team is supporting application for grant funds to implement a green energy project in the Town. Some of the ideas include focusing on renewable energy/transportation reduction, cost effective energy efficiency including a lighting upgrade, insulation, solar panels installation, an energy audit, and streetlight retrofits. The application is due February 16th. She estimates we could receive a grant for \$20-30K. Solar panels on the shop are being considered to help pay the electricity. Funds could possibly be used to update the Town Hall HVAC system. She emphasized the Green Team committee is still exploring the direction in which we will proceed. Ms. Rollins reviewed the additional items added to the grant application.

General consensus among the commissioners was to submit the application.

3. BOY SCOUT AGREEMENT UPDATE – REVIEW OF 2006 AGREEMENT

Burgess Weddle directed commissioners to notice the copy of the 2006 agreement in their packets. Mr. Ron Layman was present and noted that the Boy Scouts and their attorney are satisfied with the agreement that is in place and happy that it was discovered in the files.

General consensus among the commissioners was to continue with the current agreement with the Boy Scout utilization and responsibilities at the Town watershed and to review the agreement from time to time as needed.

4. T-MOBILE BLACK DOT LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

Ms. Rollins presented a letter from Black Dot proposing to renegotiate the lease agreement with T-Mobile.

General consensus among the commissioners was to not renegotiate the lease with T-Mobile and adhere to the lease agreement that is in place.

5. UPDATE ON 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Burgess Weddle reported the next planning meeting will be February 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the town meeting room. First event will be the reenactment of the Town charter signing on Wednesday, April 4th. Community-wide events start in May with the May 13th Town cleaning/trash pickup event, May 20th Walkersville Day, May 27th Youth event partnering with Cub Scouts at Community Park, Ecumenical event to be set in June, July 3rd Fireworks, July 4th Parade, August geocaching event, September 9th community picnic event, October 28th Town Scary History, November 12th Veterans' Day Ceremony, November 18th Beards and historical costumes event, December 1st Town Christmas Tree lighting, and December 2nd Christkindlesmarkt to finish out the year.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported that the geocaching group has been planning the areas for the event, including the current library site. She also reported that the picnic committee and the Green Team will be meeting to plan their individual events.

6. 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.

7. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Gary Baker reported no concerns, but that he would be missing the February 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported that the Green Team will possibly be adding an event to the community-wide town picnic event, possibly a tree planting or backyard composting. Farmers' market update: Ms. Dawn Hipsley will be exploring locations for the market, including the Fire company carnival grounds, and the FCPS B building.

Burgess Weddle reported that library has contacted him about participating in the anniversary celebration, with a possible booth, tbd.

Public works director Bob DePaola reported that the pressure monitors will be installed on Friday on Bedrock Drive.

Burgess Weddle read through the dates and announcements of upcoming events and meetings.

8. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Dick Brady, chairperson of the Walkersville Planning Commission, thanked all attendees to the Monocacy River Scenic River plan and staff for the set up for the large meeting. He also noted that there will be no meeting/workshop on Tuesday, February 14th, Valentines' Day and encouraged everyone to do Valentine's activities.

Ali Karatuck and his brother Senol Karatuck, owners of the new Walkersville Diner, introduced themselves and invited everyone to attend when the diner opens, hopefully in 10 days to 2 weeks.

Burgess Weddle welcomed the Scouts and asked if there were any questions.

Burgess Weddle expressed his hopes for no snow.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager