

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
October 10, 2018

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 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, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Public Works Director Bob DePaola, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, TFC Jeremy Wills, Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kelly Schulz, Maryland Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and 43 citizens. Also in attendance and awaiting their swearing in ceremony were Commissioners-elect Michael Bailey, Tom Gilbert, Michael McNiesh, and John Zimmerman.

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 September 26, 2018. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Donald Schildt in opposition.

2. OATH OF OFFICE – BURGESS CHAD WEDDLE

Clerk of the Circuit Court Sandra Dalton administered the Oath of Office to Burgess Chad Weddle. She also presented him an acknowledgement and congratulations from Governors office through the Circuit Court.

3. OATHS OF OFFICE - COMMISSIONERS

Newly sworn in Burgess Chad Weddle administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Commissioners Michael Bailey, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Tom Gilbert, Michael McNiesh, and John Zimmerman. The sworn in Commissioners commenced to signing their oaths of office, followed by signing Resolutions 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-06, and 2018-07 honoring the service of outgoing Commissioners Gary Baker, Donald Schildt, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman.

4. RESOLUTIONS 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-06, AND 2018-07 HONORING THE SERVICE OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS GARY BAKER, DONALD SCHILDT, RUSSELL WINCH, AND DEBBIE ZIMMERMAN

Ms. Kelly Schulz presented a certificate to Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman honoring her 22 years of service to the Town. Commissioner Zimmerman complemented her members of the Parks Committee for their hard work over the years, and praised the Town staff for their work and support.

Burgess Chad Weddle read the resolutions honoring the service of outgoing Commissioners Gary Baker, Donald Schildt, Russell Winch, and Debbie Zimmerman.

The new Commissioners spent a few minutes commenting and thanking constituents for their votes.

Everyone took a break from the meeting to enjoy some refreshments and connect with the outgoing and incoming Burgess and Commissioners.

5. REQUEST FROM FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER HARM REDUCTION SERVICES IN WALKERSVILLE

Commissioners discussed the request from Ms. Jessica Ellis of the Frederick County Health Department, to offer Harm Reduction Services in Walkersville. The services would include rapid HIV testing, overdose response training, distribution of syringes, injection equipment and fentanyl test strips, education and linkages to services such as substance use disorder treatment. Health department staff need a location and will provide and transport all supplies, possibly coming once a month or every week. Some questions were asked of a resident trooper in attendance and in reference to the distribution of syringes, he said that his opinion was that it is good and bad, he feels it enables but it is safer. A decision was made to follow up

with more questions and possibly invite Ms. Ellis to do a presentation of services to the newly elected Commissioners.

6. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Traditionally the highest vote getter in an election is voted in as the Vice-president of the Commissioners. The duties would include being a signer on checks and running the Town meeting in the absence or unavailability of the Burgess.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Michael McNiesh, to elect Tom Gilbert, highest vote getter, as Vice-president of the Commissioners. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Tom Gilbert abstaining.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Michael Bailey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tom Gilbert, to approve the payment of the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis in opposition.

8. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Michael McNiesh commended the organizers of the Walkersville Community Show. He noted that he accepts the challenge from Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis to bake and enter a cake in the show next year.

Commissioner John Zimmerman reminded everyone of the upcoming November 6th election. He explained that signs around supporting the Firefighters on Question D are really in support of the Firefighters Union, not the volunteers. He noted that it is a misrepresentation and will further destroy the volunteer system. The question addresses the commitment of the county to fund binding arbitration decisions. He encourages a "NO" vote on this question.

Commissioner John Zimmerman reported that the Route 194 Walkersville Diner will be fundraising for the Fire Department for the next Mondays, 10/15, 10/22, and 10/29 by donating 15% of the proceeds from those days 12 noon-8:00 p.m. to the Fire company.

Commissioner John Zimmerman noted that since he's been elected as a Commissioner, he will no longer be able to contract with the Town for snow plowing services. (He could do it for free though 😊)

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis noted the Homecoming Parade for WHS will occur this Friday, 10/12 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Robert DePaola reported that Delauter has completed the water lines at Parkside that go under Biggs Ford Road. He also reported that two of the concrete basins have been poured at the new water plant.

Burgess Weddle read the announcements for meetings in the upcoming weeks:

- Tues., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. – Planning Commission
- Wed., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Town Meeting
- Tues., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Appeals if needed
- Wed., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Parks Committee
- Sat., Nov. 10 – BULK TRASH PICKUP
- Tues., Nov. 13 – 7:30 p.m. – Planning Workshop
- Wed., Nov. 14 – 7:30 p.m. – Town Meeting
- Thurs., Nov. 22 and Fri., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED
- Tues., Nov. 27 – 7:30 p.m. – Planning Meeting

9. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Dan Cox, candidate for State Delegate from Frederick and Carroll counties, congratulated the newly elected Burgess & Commissioners. He noted that he's from Emmitsburg and participated running on the WHS track.

Sandra Dalton was also present and committed to serving as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, if elected, as she has for the last 20 years.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager