

**Mayor & Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2016**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Bollinger, Phillips, Windsor and Morean. Also in attendance were Brynja Booth, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Mayor Planner was excused due to family illness. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Councilmember Morean who welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Morean opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm.

Brynja Booth, Town Attorney stated that the Mayor and Council have reviewed the Critical Area Ordinance and map, which includes minor boundary changes which are outside town limits. Councilmember Morean asked the Councilmembers if there were any questions.

Mr. Rob Wright asked if these changes are State mandated, why must the Town have a Public Hearing? There were no other questions.

Ordinance No. 2016-04 Critical Area Map Update

Brynja Booth read a summary of Ordinance No. 2016-04, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg to approve the Federalsburg summary draft Critical Area Map provided by the Department of Natural Resources and the Critical Area Commission.

Councilmember Morean asked the Council and the public if there were any questions and there were none.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed to close the public hearing and open the next public hearing. Councilmember Morean closed the public hearing at 6:04 pm and opened the next public hearing at 6:04 pm.

Ordinance No. 2016-06 Littering Amendment

Brynja Booth read a summary of Ordinance No. 2016-06, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg to amend Chapter 111 of the Federalsburg Town Code titled "Littering" to prohibit the disposal of grass clippings, leaves and brush in a public way.

Councilmember Morean asked the Council and the public if there were any questions and there were none. Councilmember Phillips stated that the reason for this amendment was because all

the debris that is being thrown into the street ends up going into the storm drains and ultimately ends up in the river. The Mayor and Council are encouraging residents to cleanup after themselves.

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Councilmember Morean closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 6:06 pm.

Historical Moment

Mrs. Donna Glime shared a historical moment about Excelsior Pearl Works. She stated that construction began in the Fall of 1929 and was completed after about 7 months in 1930. It cost approximately \$250,000 to construct the plant. The made approximately a million buttons per year of various sizes, and they were distributed all over the world.

Old Business

Grants/Main Street Project Updates

Facade Program Update - Happy Mayer

Happy Mayer reported that Mr. Stephen Parks is moving along with the new metal roof on his building, and will soon begin working on the windows and painting. He also stated that he is moving swiftly with hopes to beat the cold weather.

Safe Routes to School Update - Happy Mayer

Happy Mayer reported that he has received two bids on the Safe Routes to School University Avenue Project, and they have been sent to the State Highway Administration for review. Happy also reported that he also already begun working on the bid package for the Gerardi Avenue project.

Debris Removal Project - Happy Mayer

Happy Mayer reported that Mr. Tim Goertemiller is moving along on the debris removal project and he should be finished very soon. He completed more work this year because there was much more growth, and the project will be inspected before completion of the grant.

Yard Sale Permits Discussion - John Garlick, Code Enforcement Officer

John Garlick requested that the Mayor and Council suspend the requirement to obtain a Yard Sale Permit for one year, to allow him time to see if it is feasible to continue to require these permits. John stated that he can enforce and handle the rules through normal code means to see how this will work for one year.

Brynja Booth, Town Attorney stated that rather than repeal the ordinance, she thinks it would be a good idea to suspend it for a year that way if the Mayor and Council choose to tweak the ordinance, it will be easier to make the changes then create a whole new ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed to suspend the yard sale permit requirement for one year to review the feasibility and determine if the Town should eliminate it completely.

Discussion/Approval of Ordinance No. 2016-04 Critical Area Map

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg to approve the Federalsburg summary draft Critical Area map provided by the Department of Natural Resources and the Critical Area Commission

A motion by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving Ordinance No. 2016-04, which is a draft of the Critical Area Map changes.

Discussion/Approval of Ordinance No. 2016-06 Littering Amendment

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg to amend Chapter 111 of the Federalsburg Town Code titled "Littering" to prohibit the disposal of grass clippings, leaves and brush in a public way.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving Ordinance No. 2016-06 an Ordinance amending the Littering Ordinance.

Tax Differential 2017-18

Shirley Greene reported that she enclosed in the Mayor and Council packets this week that a draft letter regarding the tax differential for review and approval. This letter includes all services that are provided to Town residents that are not provided to the County. After brief discussion, the Council agreed to further review and table approval until the Workshop Meeting.

Resolution No. 2016-03 Declaration November - Municipal Works Month - Happy Mayer

Happy Mayer presented Resolution No. 2016-03 to the Mayor and Council, which declares the month of November as Municipal Works Month. Happy stated this is part of our participation for MML and it shows what the Town does for the public. The Town also flies a flag in support of Municipal Works Month. A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving Resolution No. 2016-03 declaring November as Municipal Works Month.

Committee Reports

Federalburg Historical Society

Mrs. Donna Glime reported:

The Mayor and Councilmembers were each given a goody bags like the ones that were given to the car rally participants on October 22nd. There were approximately 35 participants and everyone seemed to be very pleased.

There will be a Pit Beef/Pulled Pork Fundraiser at FVFC on November 18th from 10 am until sold out.

On December 10th from 7-9 pm the Exeter house on Old Denton Road will be open and decorated for holidays for anyone who would like to visit and tour.

On December 12th the museum will be open after parade and Santa will be there for anyone who would like to visit with him.

Federalburg Lions Club

Councilmember Morean reported:

The Lions Club will begin putting up Christmas decorations next week.

The Christmas Parade will be on December 12th at 7 pm and Santa will be at the Museum after parade.

The first saturday in December the Lions Club will host the lighting of tree. The band and chorus will be there, and they will have hot chocolate and cookies available.

Lions Club would like to ask permission to move the judges stand under marquee in front of the Town Hall for Christmas Parade, so that the judges will be out of weather if there is ever any rain or snow. A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving the request from the Lions

Club to move the judges stand under the marquee in front of Town Hall for all future Christmas parades.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilmember Bollinger stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Federalsburg Fire Company

Councilmember Morean presented Doug Ramey of the Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company with their annual donation from the Mayor and Council, this year's donation was a check in the amount of \$8,000. Mr. Ramey thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers. He also stated that the Fire Company is currently in the middle of their annual fund drive. They will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18th from 7-10 am. The Fire Company is also looking at purchasing a new fire truck, but this is a long process which takes about a year. Mr. Ramey also reminded everyone to please check their smoke detectors and change the batteries regularly.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving the minutes as presented.

Public Comments (2 Minutes)

Rob Wright, resident of Morris Ave stated that everyone is upset about the water and sewer bills being extremely high for the months of June - September. Mr. Wright had questions regarding how much water is pumped and billed. He also had questions regarding the rates and how the Town bills for services. Councilmember Bollinger briefly explained the rate breakdown with Mr. Wright but advised him that he would be happy to meet him at the office anytime and print out his account and review the rates, and his account with him in greater detail. The Council also advised Mr. Wright about the ability to install a meter for irrigation purposes only.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

Councilmember Windsor stated that the Veterans Day parade was very nice, but he hoped to see more participation next year.

Councilmember Bollinger

Councilmember Bollinger stated that the Trunk or Treat event was great. The Town staff did a great job assisting with the event and cleanup.

Councilmember Phillips

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Morean

Councilmember Morean stated that he just wanted to mention that Mayor Planner could not be here tonight because he was at the hospital with his wife.

Councilmember Morean also wanted to thank the Church, the Police and Public Works Departments for their help and support with the Trunk or Treat and the Halloween parade at the school.

Re-schedule January Regular Monthly Meeting and Workshop due to holidays

Shirley Greene, Town Manager stated that because the January regular monthly meeting and workshop meeting both fall on Town observed holidays, would the Mayor and Council like to consider changing the meeting dates. After some discussion, it was agreed that the meetings would be changed as follows to include a February holiday also:

January 2 - Regular Meeting changed to Wednesday, January 4th at 6 pm

January 16 - Workshop Meeting changed to Wednesday, January 18th at 6 pm

February 20 Workshop Meeting changed to Wednesday, February 22nd at 6 pm

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer