

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, May 1, 2017**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Mayor Planner and Councilmembers Bollinger, Windsor, Phillips and Morean. Also in attendance were Brynja Booth, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Mayor Planner called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm. Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mayor Planner reopened the meeting at 6:00 pm, he welcomed everyone and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

**Announcement of Closed Session**

Mayor Planner announced that a Closed Session was held prior to the meeting at 5:18 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

**Guests**

**Presentation of "If I Were Mayor" Contest Winners**

The "If I Were Mayor" essay contest winner awards were tabled until a later date.

**Chad Shelly - Discussion on Dog Park - Federalsburg Marina**

Mr. Chad Shelly showed a brief slide show and gave the Mayor and Council an update on the information that he had obtained since he last met with them regarding Dog Parks. Mr. Shelly also requested that a member of the CRHS National Honor Society be placed regularly on the monthly meeting so they can report to the Town and to their school meetings.

Mr. Shelly gave a summary about the information he obtained regarding the Oxford Dog Park; which included information such as, signage, a list of requirements, liability insurance, fencing, water fountains, benches, cleanup areas, shade trees, and dimensions of the park. Mr. Shelly stated that he planned to meet with a representative of the Human Society to get their input, and would like to setup a booth at the upcoming Frog Fest to determine community interest/support. He also pointed out that he is researching grant funding through DNR and the LEO Club; and Mr. Shelly was instructed to contact Happy Mayer for assistance with grant applications and obtaining information needed such as topographic information, floodplain, critical area, etc.

Mr. Shelly was also advised to talk with Code Enforcement, Public Works about the water access and Shirley Greene would check on the liability insurance.

### **Cabell Corporation - Request for Garbage Collection at Tanyard Branch Apartments**

The Town has received a request to start garbage collection service at the Tanyard Branch apartments. They previously have contracted out this service, but would like to purchase this service from the Town. They have 25 units. Steve Dyott, Public Works Director sent a memo to the Mayor and Council regarding the cost effectiveness on his department (manhours, fuel, etc.) to assist the Mayor and Council in making their decision. After some discussion, Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to accept Cabell Corporation's request for garbage collection services. The Town will purchase the cans and coordinate with Cabell when collection will begin.

### **Historical Moment - Federalsburg Historical Society - Bart Johnson**

Mr. Bart Johnson reported that the Hobby Fair was held on April 29th and went very well. It was started back in 1930 by Max Chambers and a monument was erected on Federalsburg Elementary School grounds in honor of the Hobby Fair and dedicated in 1934. The Governor came to Federalsburg and visited the Fair in 2002. The Historical Society revived the Hobby Fair and it has been going well ever since.

### **Old Business**

#### **Grants/Main Street Project Updates - George Mayer**

#### **University Avenue - Safe Routes to School**

Happy Mayer had to leave early because of an emergency so this item was tabled.

#### **Northwest Fork Dock Repair Grant**

Happy Mayer had to leave early because of an emergency so this item was tabled.

#### **Marshyhope Creek Dredging Project Update**

Happy Mayer had to leave early because of an emergency so this item was tabled.

## **New Business**

### **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2017-08**

Mayor Planner read Ordinance No. 2017-08 which will amend Section 235-9 of the Town Code to prohibit the obstruction of water meters and to ensure access to water meters for the purpose of reading, repairing or replacing a meter.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero introducing Ordinance No. 2017-08 to amend Section 235-9 of the Town Code to prohibit the obstruction of water meters and to ensure access to water meters for the purpose of reading, repairing or replacing a meter. And to authorize the Clerk to advertise a Public Hearing for the June 5th Mayor and Council Meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Federalsburg Historical Society**

Mr. Bart Johnson reported that on:

May 27th - The Annual Art Show & Sale would be held at the Museum. They will have a wide variety of art displayed and offer wine and cheese refreshments.

### **Federalsburg Lions Club**

Councilmember Morean reported on behalf of the Lions Club:

There are plenty of raffle tickets still available for Florida vacation if anyone is interested.

May 19th - They will have a sandwich sale, and they will offer pit beef, pulled pork and they are going to try pit turkey this time.

June 24th - Please don't forget the Frog Fest at the Marina.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Planning & Zoning met last week to discuss a request for variance to setback requirements and due to zoning regulations the commission had to deny the request, but after discussion also agreed to forward an unfavorable request to the Board of Appeals.

### **Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bollinger seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to unanimously approve the minutes as presented.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Mayor & Council Action Items**

#### **Councilmember Windsor**

Councilmember Windsor reported there was vandalism on the East Central side of the Railroad bridge and there were words spray-painted on the blacktop. Also the metal cage and locks on the Railroad bridge were broken off again. Shirley Greene will advise the Code Enforcement Officer of this information.

#### **Councilmember Bollinger**

Councilmember Bollinger attended the Hobby Fair and it was a great event.

#### **Councilmember Morean**

Councilmember Morean stated that he would soon have two signs approximately 4 x 8, advertising the Frog Fest on one side and the Christmas Parade on the other so they could be used over and over again. He asked if they could be placed at the entryways into town. The Mayor and Council agreed it was a great idea to put them up and Shirley Greene stated that she would have Public Works put them up as soon as he gets them.

#### **Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips asked if the Town could get some State flags from the Lions Club to put on some of the poles. Shirley Greene advised that Senator Eckardt had recently given the Town some State flags for the marina, triangle and Town Hall.

He also stated that the Soapbox Derby is coming up soon on June 3rd and if anyone interested in participating to please contact Councilmember Scott Phillips.

### **Mayor Planner**

### **Update Backyard Bunch**

The FES Backyard Bunch will be meeting at the Town parking lot on May 6th at 11 am and they will work until 2 pm.

### **Chasing the Dragon Documentary - FVFC**

The Caroline County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council and local Fire Companies have partnered to host a documentary which will focus on the dangers of Opioid Addiction.

### **Annual After School Community Dinner**

Mayor Planner advised that an invitation was included in the weekly packets for the Annual Afterschool Community Dinner at the Federalsburg Elementary School on May 11th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

Mayor Planner also asked everyone to please watch out for children playing in the streets, especially in the Academy Avenue area.

A request has been received to install a streetlight on Bloomingdale Avenue, however, it is on the opposite side of the street that lights are already installed. Therefore, it would be difficult to install on the opposite side of the line.

The new EMS building is moving right along.

The new lettering on the Town Hall doors looks great.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Windsor seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristy L. Marshall*  
Clerk-Treasurer