

Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 5, 2017

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 5, 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 Windsor, Bollinger, Phillips and Morean. Also in attendance were staff, citizens and media.

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

Historical Moment

Mr. Bart Johnson shared a Historical Moment regarding an article in the August 30th edition of the Times Record, where the Federalsburg Lions Club honors two local fallen Heros - Michael Yates and Manuel Ruiz. The Lions Club has specialized banners printed and presented them to parents of these soldiers at the Lions Club' annual crab feast.

Councilmember Morean stated that the Hometown Hero banners will be available for purchase to anyone who would like to have one made to honor a Veteran or someone serving in the Military. They can be purchased for \$125; applications are being printed and orders should be placed before the end of September so that they banners will be back before Veterans Day.

Guests

Chris Parks - Fall Co-Ed Softball League

Mr. Parks stated that they currently have 5 teams that will be playing in the league. Everyone has come together to clean up the field, Mr. Jerry Banning cut and bagged the grass, the Little League and Football Leagues have also been helping out with cleanup of the area and fixing the field. Lywood Electric will be repairing the scoreboard and Mr. Parks will bring a check into the office for the electric deposit.

Old Business

Federal Brewing Company - Request for Loan Deferment

Ms. Gayle Galbraith came to the Mayor and Council at their last meeting and requested a one year deferment of her loan payments. Ms. Galbraith was asked if she could continue to make the interest payment and she advised that she could. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving Ms. Galbraith's request to defer her principal payments for one year, but continue making the interest payments beginning with the September payment. Shirley Greene stated that the Finance Department is in the process of preparing a new amortization schedule and it should be ready in a few days.

Federalsburg Historical Society - Request to Block off Alley for Heritage Day

Shirley Greene reported that the Federalsburg Historical Society had previously reported that their Heritage Day Celebration would be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 9-4, and they requested permission to block off the alley. The Mayor and Council requested that they obtain written permission from the business owners adjacent to the alley, to make sure that closing the alley would not interfere with their business operations. This information had not yet been obtained, therefore, Mrs. Donna Glime stated that she would contact them to obtain permission. Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the closure of Covey/Williams Alley on September 23rd from 9 am to 5 pm, pending written approval is received from all the business owners.

Grants/Main Street Updates - George Mayer

Safe Routes to School Update - University Ave

George Mayer reported that all information should be sent in this week for finalization of the Safe Routes to School - University Avenue Project. Mr. Mayer was asked if the area was checked after the heavy rains on Saturday and Councilmember Windsor stated that he looked at it and everything seemed to be good. Councilmember Morean questioned an area under the fencing where some water seems to pool, and Mr. Mayer stated that this area has been looked at and it is an area where the ground is very, very hard and water does not soak in as quickly as the grassy areas. All punch list items have been reviewed and everything on the list has been repaired.

Safe Routes to School Update - Gerardi Blvd.

George Mayer reported that he has submitted the paperwork to begin the Safe Routes to School - Gerardi Boulevard Project. With the exception of a few questions, things seem to be in good shape and it looks like we will be able to go to bid in a few months.

Mayor & Council Award of Dredging Project Update

George Mayer reported that the contractor has been moving in their equipment and getting setup to begin work very soon. The dumpsters that are now sitting on the riverbank, will be placed on barges and the debris put into the dumpsters.

Northwest Fork Dock Repairs Project Update

George Mayer reported that Mr. Geortemiller has completed the Northwest Fork Dock repairs and he completed a few little extra items on the dock at no charge.

New Business

Open Meetings Appointments - Brynja Booth, Town Attorney

Brynja Booth reported that during the last Legislative Session a law was passed that becomes effective October 1st, which states that the Mayor and Council must designate at least one person to take an online training session regarding Open Meetings. Brynja suggested designating Shirley Greene and Kristy Marshall,

and a member of the Mayor and Council should also be designated. After brief discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed to table designation of these appointments until the September Workshop.

Appointment of Election Judges

Shirley Greene reported that the following residents have been selected as Election Judges and need to officially be appointed by the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero appointing Elaine Hubbard, Janie Eskow, Miriam Dyer and Jackie Pinckens as Judges for the 2017 Municipal Election.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society

Mr. Bart Johnson reported the following:

Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 10 am - 4 pm. They will have antique cars, crafts, face painting, raising of a quilted banner in honor the water tower; and much more.

Friends of the Water Tower have raised \$62,000 so far. They will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, September 10th at FVFC.

Federalsburg Lions Club

Councilmember Morean reported that the Lions Club will have a sandwich sale on Friday, September 22nd at the FVFC from 10 am til sold out. They will have pit beef, pulled pork and pit turkey for \$8.

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company

Councilmember Morean reported that there will be a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 9th from 10 am til sold out.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously approved by a vote of five to zero approving the previous month's minutes as presented.

Public Comments (2 Minutes)

Mr. Bart Johnson asked who was running in the election and Mayor Planner advised that he would announce the names on the ballot.

Mr. Johnson also asked if the Election Judges need to live in town, and he was advised that they do. He questioned if one of the Judges resided in town limits and was advised that they all live in town limits and that this information is confirmed prior to selection.

Mr. Johnson questioned some loud noises on the east side of town Saturday evening, and he was advised that this was confirmed as fireworks and it was outside town limits. He stated that he also heard sirens, and he was advised there was an ambulance call on East side of town about the same time.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

Councilmember Windsor stated that he received a complaint about the porta-potty at the marina being vandalized and he had talked with George Mayer about it, and he was going to take care of it with the Company.

He also received a suggestion about exercise equipment in the marina. This was looked into at one time, but funds were not available, Councilmember Windsor stated he also talked with George Mayer about this and he is going to look into it.

Councilmember Bollinger

Nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember Morean

Nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember Phillips

Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Planner

Mayor Planner stated that he went to Federalsburg Elementary School this morning and walked around with Mr. Jim Newcomb. They greeted the staff and welcomed the children on their first day back to school.

Mayor Planner stated that he had talked with Mayor Joyce Spratt, who is spearheading collection of donations for victims of Hurricane Harvey. She has partnered with Harbor Transport and secured a warehouse in Hurlock as drop-off locations for donations, as well as Hurlock Town Hall. Monetary donations payable to Harvey Relief Fund may be taken to the Hurlock Town Hall, or gift cards to Lowes, Home Depot or similar places. Please do not send any used clothing, only new clothes with the tags still on them.

Mayor Planner also thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work in preparation for the preparation of possible heavy rains/storms.

The Town Election will be on Tuesday, September 26th from 7am - 7 pm = The Candidates for Mayor are Chuck Planner, and for Councilmember are David Morean, Scott Phillips, Angel Green and Roberta Butler.

Mayor Planner stated that two weeks ago late Friday evening, lightning struck his home and caused damage to some copper piping in his home, which caused a major water leak. Mayor Planner called Kristy and Melvin immediately came to cut-off the water and he extended a special thanks to him for coming out to take care of that for him.

**Marion Copper-Felton - Holland Dr
Handicapped Parking Spot**

Ms. Marion Copper requested permission to place a handicapped parking place in front of her home on Holland Drive. She has a handicapped child and it is often difficult to find a parking space in front of her home to load and unload her child. She understands that it would not be restricted for her and that anyone that is handicapped would be able to use it. Her driveway and mailbox are also blocked regularly. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Greene would talk with Chief Nagel and have someone talk to the business owner in the neighborhood about the parking situation. Ms. Copper will be advised that she can call the Policy Duty Phone if she continues to have parking problems or her driveway is blocked.

Ms. Copper also expressed concern that there is no sidewalk along Laurel Grove Road by the cemetery and it is not safe to walk with her child. She asked if the Mayor and Council could consider putting in sidewalk along that area so they would have a safe area to walk and get to the downtown area. The Mayor and Council advised that they would look at this area while reviewing the Sidewalk Program.

Request for Closed Session

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to close the regular meeting at 6:46 pm to hold a closed session after the meeting to discuss a real estate matter and obtain legal advice.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, to close the closed session and reopen the regular meeting at 6:51 pm.

Adjournment

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall

Kristy L. Marshall, Clerk-Treasurer