

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 5-7-13
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on June 4, 2013

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 8:05 p.m. Council members Jim Ruspi, Josh Pomeroy, Charles Bradsher and Dave Preusch were present. The Clerk, Treasurer and Assistant Clerk were present. Two Boy Scouts and five residents were also present. The minutes of the Town Council meeting on April 9, 2013 were approved as submitted. Council Member Preusch abstained. The minutes from the Hearing of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Laytonsville on April 9, 2013 were approved as submitted. Council Member Preusch abstained. The minutes from the Hearing on the Site Plan Review of the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Expansion and Renovations on April 23, 2013 were approved as submitted. Council Member Preusch and Council Member Ruspi abstained.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of April 2013. Total income for the month of April was \$40,463 with \$26,506.25 coming from Traffic Safety and \$12,693 coming from Personal Property Taxes. Major expenses for April 2013 were \$4,217 for Payroll Expenses, \$2,886 for Waste Collection Expenses. The General Net Income for the month of April was \$25,047. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of April 2013, the fund balance for the general fund was \$850,392, for the CIP account, the balance was \$175,486 and the Fixed Assets was \$684,352. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for April 2013 was \$1,710,231.

Council Member Pomeroy moved to approve the April Treasurer's report subject to audit. Council Member Preusch seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Committees and Reports:

Mayor's Update and Reports:

Eagle Scout Project: Tanner Hedrick of 21521 Laytonsville Road appeared before the council to report that his Eagle Scout Project is complete. Two exercise stations, a balance beam and a pull up bar have been installed. Council Member Ruspi stated that the project was nicely done. Mulch and weed barrier have also been put in. Mayor Prats thanked Tanner and said that the project has added value to one of the first parks in town.

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Patrick Madison of 9136 Bramble Bush Ct. addressed the Town Council regarding the possibility of adding two additional exercise stations to the area near Jones Pond. He was encouraged by Mayor Prats to contact Council Member Ruspi to discuss the project and then return at a later date to present the proposal of his project.

WSSC Update: Mayor Prats stated that the water tower was filled by the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department on May 4 and it is full.

The Elections: The results for the election held on May 6, 2013 are as follows: Dan Prats 19 votes, Dave Preusch 16 votes and Josh Pomeroy 17 votes.

Mayor Prats announced that the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department will receive a grant from the State of Maryland that will be used for the construction of the new fire house.

The work on grinding the stumps at Miller Park and the Town Hall has been completed by C & L Tree Service. It was noted by Mayor Prats that Mr. Mike White will be able to move forward with the project at Miller Park. Mayor Prats stated that he would look into ways of providing water for the Azalea Park.

The parade will be held on May 18 at 11:30 a.m. following a VIP reception in the Town Hall from 10 to 11 a.m. Mayor Prats stated that it is important to build relationships between state officials and town officials. Mrs. Sheree Wenger noted that the Historical Center will be open during that time.

The Town of Laytonsville hosted the Maryland Municipal League (MML) monthly chapter meeting for the first time. Dinner was provided by The Office Café. There were representatives from various municipalities, a representative from the governor's office and the Director of Parks and Planning. Mayor Prats said that dinner and the meeting lasted from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and went very well. He also said that he would like to host it every year.

The Maryland Municipal League conference will be from June 23 to June 26, 2013 in Ocean City, Maryland. Mayor Prats, Council Member Ruspi and HDC Commissioner Ruspi will attend.

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Work Session: There was no work session scheduled.

Old Business:

Regarding the M83 project, it was decided by the council that a letter should be sent stating the Town's position regarding this matter to the Goshen Civic Association with copies going to Maryland Department of Transportation, Co-councilers and the state.

New Business:

Mayor Prats read Resolution R-02-13, a resolution to establish the Compensation for Employees of the Town of Laytonsville for the period of July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2104. Council Member Pomeroy introduced an amendment to the resolution to put the Clerk on an hourly rate because she was not being compensated fully for hours worked. Council Member Pomeroy moved to approve the resolution as amended. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

The ad valorem tax rate and the proposed budget was discussed. The ad valorem rate was decreased to 0.10 for the fiscal year 2014. Council Member Preusch moved to approve the new ad valorem rate. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

The Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Site Plan admendments which included the cross walk features imposed by the state were discussed. Council Member Pomeroy moved to approve the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Site Plan Admendments. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. Mayor Prats closed the record on this hearing. ***Unanimously approved.***

Council:

Council Member Ruspi stated that an excellent job was done with the bulk trash pick-up. He also mentioned that he appreciated the Town offering the service to its residents.

There was discussion regarding the installation of FIOS by Verizon in the Town. Verizon had not notified the Town when they began digging holes to install FIOS on Mobley Farm Drive. Mayor Prats spoke with the Vice President of Gov't Relations who

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apologized for not having tags put out to notify the residents of Mobley Farm Drive. Mayor Prats stated he was not given any information regarding as to when the service would be installed but would try to find out as much information as he possibly could.

Pepco is offering its free trees thru its Energy-Saving Trees program. Residents should sign up by the end of November to receive 2 trees.

Residents: Mrs. Sheree Wenger discussed the responsibility of the Town for maintaining the exercise station areas.

Mr. Luke Pallithanam of 21736 Rolling Ridge Lane addressed the Council concerning a notice he received concerning the bypass. Mayor Prats explained that an undeveloped lot outside of the town limits is proposing the construction of a driveway in town to provide access to the lot. He assured Mr. Pallithanam that the Town's Planning Commission is taking up the matter to make comments to the County and Mr. Pallithanam will be notified of future meetings concerning this issue.

Adjournment: Council Member Pomeroy moved to adjourn at 9:39 pm. Council member Preusch seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
May 7, 2013

In its third year as an Arbor Day Foundation partner, Pepco is providing free trees to customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia through the Energy-Saving Trees program. Launched as a

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pilot initiative in 2011, the Energy-Saving Trees program conserves energy and reduces household electricity bills through strategic tree planting. Pepco customers can reserve their free trees today at www.arborday.org/pepco.

Within seconds of accessing the website, an online tool helps Pepco customers find the most strategic location for planting and estimates the annual savings that will result from the tree. Customers can reserve up to two trees per household and the program will continue until all trees are reserved. In exchange for the free trees, customers are expected to care for the trees and plant them in the location provided by the online tool. The two-to-four-foot trees will be delivered directly to the customer at an ideal time for planting.

“Residents – please be aware that Verizon has started construction to bring FIOS service to Town. This involves stringing of wires and digging in the utility right of ways to lay underground wire. We are in the process of trying to obtain the construction schedule.”

Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday holidays, the following day, Tuesday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2013:

For Monday, Sept. 2, Labor Day, pick-up will be Sept. 3

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For Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, pick-up will be Nov. 12

Please continue to separate recycling materials.