

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 5-7-19
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on June 4, 2019

There being a quorum, Mayor James Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Members Charles Bradsher, James O’Hair, Paul Simonetti and Tom Burke were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were four residents.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on April 2, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of April 2019. Total Income for the month of April was \$6,767 including \$789 from the CIP. The major source of income was \$2,550 from Permits and Fees. Major Expenses for the month of April were \$1,925 for Repairs and Maintenance, \$4,672 for Payroll Expenses and \$3,355 for Waste Collection. Total Expenses for the month of April were \$14,650. Total Net Income for the month of April was -\$7,882. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of April 2019, the fund balances for the General Fund was \$1,145,942 and \$174,168 for the CIP account. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for April 2019 was \$2,232,164 including \$903,054 from Fixed Assets.

Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve the April Treasurer’s report subject to audit. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Committee/Board Reports

Planning Commission: Eric Wenger, Chair, stated the Planning Commission is losing some members and appointments will need to be made for new candidates.

Old Business

Election Results: Mayor Ruspi shared the results of the election held on May 6, 2019 for Mayor and two Council member positions. Thirty-nine residents voted. Mayor Ruspi ran uncontested and was reelected. Council Member Burke was reelected receiving twenty-four votes. Council Member Simonetti and Candidate Amy Koval tied receiving twenty-two votes each. Mayor Ruspi said a special election will be held on June 10, 2019

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between Paul Simonetti and Amy Koval. The Clerk read excerpts from the Town Charter pertaining to special elections.

MML Meeting: Mayor Ruspi said the Town hosted the Maryland Municipal League Montgomery Chapter meeting on April 11, 2019. Mayor Ruspi said the meeting was a success and expressed his appreciation for everyone's help.

Meeting with Comptroller Franchot and Senator Zucker: Mayor Ruspi said Comptroller Franchot and Senator Zucker met with Town officials and had lunch at the Town Hall on April 22, 2019. Mayor Ruspi stated the meeting was productive and provided an excellent opportunity for Town officials to have an open discussion with Comptroller Franchot and Senator Zucker.

Parade and VIP Reception – May 18: Mayor Ruspi said the Laytonsville Community Parade is scheduled for May 18, 2019 and the theme is “Hats Off to Laytonsville.” Mayor Ruspi stated the Town Council will participate in the VIP Reception at 10:00a.m. before walking in the parade.

New Business

Vote on Resolution 01-19 – Resolution for Compensation to Employees: Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-01-19. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Vote on Ordinance 02-19 - Budget Ordinance and Ad Valorem Tax Rates: Council Member Burke made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 02-19. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

FY 18-19 Budget Adjustments: Chris Wilkinson, Treasurer, reviewed the Adjusted Budget for FY 18-19. Ms. Wilkinson explained some of the adjustments included Legal expenses, repairs to the Town Hall and upgrades to the security system.

Council Member Burke made a motion to approve the FY 18-19 Budget Adjustments. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Lions Medical Locker: Mayor Ruspi said the necessary documents have been completed and signed for the Lion’s Club to receive their \$5,000 reimbursement from the State for work done on the Medical Locker.

Mobley Farm Drive Swale: Mayor Ruspi reviewed the estimate from Goshen Enterprises for repair to the swale on Mobley Farm Drive. There was discussion about the scope of work and how the County will interface with the project.

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Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve the estimate from Goshen Enterprises. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Planning Commission Appointment: Mayor Ruspi began by expressing his appreciation to Mark Frankowski for his service as a member of the Planning Commission. Mayor Ruspi stated that Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair, has recommended Shannon Allcock to complete the current term on the Planning Commission.

James O’Hair made a motion to appoint Shannon Allcock to the Planning Commission through June 30, 2019. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Meet With County Executive Elrich: Mayor Ruspi shared that County Executive Elrich has requested a meeting with him on May 20, 2019 to discuss the proposed western Maryland Route 108 bypass. Mayor Ruspi said that Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair and Doug Lohmeyer, Consultant, will be joining him at the meeting.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Text Ordinance: Mayor Ruspi provided some background on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Text Ordinance that is being considered by the Montgomery County Council. Mayor Ruspi explained the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is opposed and would like support from individual municipalities. Council Member Burke expressed the need to have more information before making a decision. Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair, said the overall idea for affordable housing is a good one but eliminating planning is not and he believes it will have an impact on the local and greater environment.

Residents Forum:

Sheree Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive said she has been an election judge for a number of years and recommends the Town Council look at ways to increase voter turnout. Ms. Wenger also expressed her concern that vehicles continue to speed on Maple Knoll Drive and most people walk on the street instead of the sidewalk.

Charles Hendricks of 7011 Brink Road asked the best way he and his wife should convey their opinions on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Text Ordinance. Mayor Ruspi told Mr. Hendricks that he can write directly to the Montgomery County Council and if he sends something to him he will bring it to the Town Council.

Jill Ruspi, Parks and Trails Task Force Chair, showed the Town Council examples of benches, bike racks and a drinking fountain being considered for Miller Park. There was discourse about the use and maintenance of the park.

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Adjournment: Council Member O’Hair made a motion to adjourn at 9:37pm. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson
Assistant Clerk
May 7, 2019

Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling collection are scheduled on a Monday or Thursday holiday, the pick-up will occur on Tuesday or the following Monday. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2019:

For Monday, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day – Pick up will be on May 28

For Thursday, July 4, 2019 Independence Day – Pick up will be on July 8

For Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day – Pick up will be on September 3

For Monday, November 11, 2019 Veterans Day – Pick up will be on November 12

For Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day – Pick up will be on December 2

In order to be picked up, mixed paper recyclable materials must be separated from other recyclable materials. Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick-up. Yard waste should be placed in brown bags. Place all trash and recycling materials at the curb no later than 7:00am.

ATTN HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENTS: Exterior home repairs may qualify for Montgomery County tax credits. For more information contact the Historic District Commission.