

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 12-3-19
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on February 4, 2020

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, Tom Burke, Amy Koval and James O’Hair were present. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were three residents and one guest.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on November 5, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Guest Bob Diss – Lindsey and Associates: Mayor Ruspi introduced Bob Diss, Certified Public Accountant, from Lindsey and Associates to review the audit report which was distributed to the Council in November. Mr. Diss reviewed the audit opinion letter and the audit report. There was discussion about the ongoing process to assure property tax collections are accurate.

Committee/Board Reports

Charles Hendricks, Historic District Commission Chair, reported the Historic District Commission met on November 18, 2019 and approved an application for a work permit and the Commission’s next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair, said David Post from Macris, Hendricks, and Glascock will attend the Planning Commission meeting on December 18, 2018 to discuss zoning.

Old Business

Update on Miller Park: Mayor Ruspi stated the property has been leveled, seeded and the asphalt path has been installed. Mayor Ruspi said members of the Parks and Trails Task Force met with the contractor to determine placement for the benches.

MML Dinner – December 5, Radisson, 6:15pm: Mayor Ruspi said the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Dinner is scheduled for December 5, 2019. Mayor Ruspi shared that the Town has invited Senator Zucker and Delegate Pam Queen and priorities for the upcoming legislative session will be discussed.

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Town Hall Tree Replaced: Mayor Ruspi commented that the diseased blue spruce has been removed and replaced with another variety of spruce. Mayor Ruspi said Goshen Enterprises provided the new tree and the removal and planting was provided by Kelly Landscaping. Mayor Ruspi expressed appreciation to both companies for donating their time, labor and materials.

Tree Lighting – December 6, 7:00p.m.: Mayor Ruspi shared that the annual tree lighting event is sponsored by the Laytonsville Lions Club with help from Boyland Electric, All Stage and Sound and the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Ruspi said students from Laytonsville Elementary School and members from St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal church will be singing and light refreshments will be served.

Town Hall Closed During Holidays: Mayor Ruspi stated the Town Hall will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Year’s Day and the schedule will be posted on the Town website.

New Business

Possible Action Regarding Nine Districts for MoCo: Mayor Ruspi reviewed information presented by Mark Lautman, a representative from the organization Nine Districts for MoCo, at the November Town Council meeting. Mayor Ruspi inquired if the Council would like to support the organization’s efforts. Council Members Burke, Bradsher, Koval and O’Hair expressed support for equitable representation on the Montgomery County Council. There was discussion about a resolution in support of Nine Districts for MoCo. Mayor Ruspi said he will obtain additional information for the Council to consider at the January meeting.

Magnolia Tree: Mayor Ruspi explained that the magnolia tree behind the Town Hall was removed after it was found to have a split in the lower trunk and was deemed to be at high risk. Mayor Ruspi and the Council discussed and agreed to replacing the tree with another magnolia. Mayor Ruspi will pursue doing this.

Residents Forum:

None

Adjournment: Council Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm. Council Member Koval seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson
Assistant Clerk
December 3, 2019