

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 6-4-19  
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on July 2, 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 and Tom Burke were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were five residents and one guest.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on May 7, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of May 2019. Total Income for the month of May was \$50,032 including \$20,786 from the CIP. The major source of income was \$24,445 from Income Tax. Major Expenses for the month of May were \$2,119 for Accounting and \$3,355 for Waste Collection. Total Expenses for the month of May were \$33,644. Total Net Income for the month of May was \$16,387. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of May 2019, the fund balances for the General Fund was \$1,142,079 and \$194,405 for the CIP account. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for May 2019 was \$2,239,539 including \$903,054 from Fixed Assets.

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

Committee/Board Reports

None

Old Business

Election Results: Mayor Ruspi reviewed the results of the election held on May 6, 2019 which resulted in a tie between Council Member Simonetti and Candidate Amy Koval. Mayor Ruspi said after careful consideration Council Member Simonetti has withdrawn his candidacy and the special election scheduled for June 10, 2019 will not be necessary.

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Parade and VIP Reception: Mayor Ruspi said there was a good turnout for the Laytonsville Community Parade and the VIP Reception provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the legislators and officials in attendance.

Swear in Planning Commission Member Shannon Allcock: Mayor Ruspi administered the oath of office to Mr. Allcock.

New Business

Meet With County Executive Elrich – May 20: Mayor Ruspi said that Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair and Doug Lohmeyer, Consultant, joined him in a meeting with County Executive Elrich on May 20, 2019 to discuss the proposed western Maryland Route 108 bypass. Mayor Ruspi said several members of the County Executive’s staff were present and he thought the meeting went well. Eric Wenger, Planning Commission Chair concurred and said it was a positive meeting. Mayor Ruspi said the Council Members have been given a copy of the follow up letter he has written to County Executive Elrich.

Appointments: Mayor Ruspi presented the following slate of appointments

- i. Historic District Commission Appointment – Charles Hendricks
- ii. Planning Commission Appointments – Shannon Allcock, Brian Kline
- iii. BOA Appointment – Eva Ols
- iv. Council Vice-President – Tom Burke
- v. Legal Counsel – Victoria Shearer
- vi. Engineer – Macris, Hendricks and Glascock and Robert H. Patton, Harris & Ruff & Associates
- vii. Audit Firm – Lindsey and Associates
- viii. Clerk – Charlene Dillingham
- ix. Assistant Clerk – Joy Jackson
- x. Treasurer – Christine Wilkinson
- xi. Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Ryan
- xii. Reforestation Consultant – Benning & Associates
- xiii. Town Planner – Montgomery Consulting
- xiv. Tree Committee – Rod Fisher, Paul Foster, Eric Wenger, Rich Potcner

Council Member Burke made a motion to accept the appointments as presented. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

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Bill 52-14 Pesticide Ban: Mayor Ruspi invited Eric Wenger to present information to the Council on Montgomery County Bill 52-14. Mr. Wenger shared information about the bill and the status of legal challenges to the legislation. There was discussion about the implementation of the bill. Mr. Wenger said some municipalities are working on resolutions not to adopt the bill. Mayor Ruspi requested that Mr. Wenger provide him with additional information that he will share with the Council.

Residents Forum:

Tom Burke of 21710 Laytonsville Road said a local resident expressed concern about a resident in the historic district operating a business from his residence.

Jim O’Hair of 21726 Mobley Farm Drive said the local car show is looking for sponsors for awards. Mr. O’Hair also inquired about the status of the repairs to the swale on Mobley Farm Drive.

Charles Hendricks of 7011 Brink Road asked for clarification on the meeting with County Executive Elrich and the expressed concern about the costs for the proposed bypass.

Adjournment: Council Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 8:32pm. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson  
Assistant Clerk  
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**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 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.