

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 7-11-17
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on August 1, 2017

There being a quorum, Mayor Jim Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:33 p.m. Council Members Jim O’Hair, Tom Burke and Paul Simonetti were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were eight residents.

Mayor Ruspi welcomed State Senator Craig Zucker and thanked him for \$5,000 from the State Government that was received for the Medical Locker and also for \$360,000 repayment that was forgiven.

Senator Zucker addressed the Council and those present. He sited various projects within the Town of Laytonsville that the state had provided funds for, i.e. Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department, Laytonsville Elementary School and the Lion’s Medical Locker. He congratulated those who are serving and those who have served. By attending this meeting, he is making himself available for what is needed in the Town. He mentioned that a letter was sent to the County Council from the State Delegation regarding the future of the by-pass.

Mayor Ruspi administered the Oath of Office to Vice President of the Council, Jim O’Hair, the Town Clerk, Charlene Dillingham, Treasurer, Chris Wilkinson and Assistant Clerk, Lisa Whittington

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting that was held on June 6, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of June 2017. Total Income for the month of June was \$36,159 with \$2,050 coming from Permits & Fees-Other and \$30,640 coming from Income Tax. In the CIP fund, \$708 was Interest Income. Major Expenses for the month of June were \$9,426 for Payroll, \$3,376 for Grounds maintenance and \$2,968 for Waste Collection. The Total Expenses for the month of June 2017 were \$33,358. General Net Income for the month of June was \$2,801 with -\$10,242 in the CIP fund. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of June 2017, the fund balances for the general fund was \$1,075,038, for the CIP account, the balance was \$153,974 and the fixed assets were \$903,054. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for June 2017 was \$2,132,066.

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

Committees and Board Reports

Old Business

Mobley Farm Drive and Pavilion Lights: The new streetlights on Mobley Farm Drive were installed a month ago. The Pavilion has electric LED lights on the inside and the outside. Receptacles were also put in.

Lawsuit Settled: The lawsuit which was related to storm water management was settled out of court with prejudice. The Plaintiff worked out an agreeable solution for him with the three entities involved. The Treasurer will prepare a report on the cost the Town incurred.

Safety Inspection: Council Member Burke will conduct the safety inspection for the third quarter.

New Business

Rolling Ridge Home Site Plan: Matt and Jen Reidy appeared before the Council with a site plan for the home they are planning to construct on lot 7 in the Rolling Ridge Subdivision. Council Member Burke made a motion to approve the design of Matt and Jen Reidy’s house as presented. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

MMLConference: Mayor Ruspi reported on the MML Conference he attended. He stated that former Town Council Member Dave Preusch became a member of the Hall of Fame. He had served for 22 years. Mayor Ruspi encouraged all Council members to become involved in the MML.

Eagle Scout Project: Jill Ruspi read the proposed Eagle Project for her grandson, Dominick Hoffman. The project would involve planting a one hundred foot wall of trees

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along the Jones Pond Trail. The Council wanted to see a diagram showing the project. Also, some concern was expressed about safety to lone walkers.

Picnic: Christina Pellegrino, who will be coordinating the picnic this year addressed the Council. She highlighted some of the events that are being planned, i.e. sunflower contest, the Dottie Tessier Memorial Cake Walk, pony ride, petting zoo and the kindness project. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

Intersection 108 and Brink/Sundown: Mayor Ruspi mentioned some possibilities to remedy the situation at the intersection of Route 108 and Brink Road. He has spoken to the State Highway Administration at the MML Summer Conference and State Senator Zucker about this matter. The District Engineer will look at it.

Painting of Town Hall: One contractor removed his name from consideration. Androp Painting proposed a cost of \$9,720.00 for sanding, power washing, scraping and painting the Town Hall. At the time of painting, it will be determined which shutters will be in need of repair. Council Member Simonetti made a motion to approve the contract submitted by Androp Painting. Council Member Burke seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Work Session: No work session is scheduled.

Council Forum

Residents Forum: Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive addressed the Council regarding a fire hydrant on the east side of Route 108 that was damaged. The Town Clerk responded that the LDVFD was aware and a police report had been generated so it can be repaired.

Adjournment: Council Member O'Hair made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
July 11, 2017

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 2017:

For Monday, September 4, Labor Day – Pick-up will be September 5

For Monday, December 25, Christmas Day – Pick-up will be December 26

For Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year's Day – Pick-up will be January 2

Please continue to separate recycling materials.

Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick-up.

Yard waste should be placed in brown bags.

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