

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 09-11-18
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on October 2, 2018

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, James O’Hair and Paul Simonetti were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were six residents and two guests.

Mayor Ruspi introduced Mrs. Maria Watson, Principal, Laytonsville Elementary School. He said the Town has enjoyed a good relationship with the school and is looking forward to that continuing. Mrs. Watson said she is humbled and honored to be at Laytonsville Elementary School. She said the staff is great and everyone in Town has been welcoming and supportive.

Minutes: The minutes from Town Council Meeting that was held on August 7, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of August 2018. Total Income for the month of July was \$28,364 including the CIP with \$14,293 coming from Municipal Tax Dup. Pay, \$3,700 coming from Permits and Fees, and \$3,795 coming from Property Taxes. Major Expenses for the month of August were \$4,962 for Accounting and \$3,668 for Land Planning. Total Expenses for the month of August were \$18,342. Total Net Income for the month of July was \$10,022. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of August 2018, the fund balances for the General Fund was \$1,115,154 and \$159,835 for the CIP account. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for August 2018 was \$2,178,044.

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

Committee/Board Reports

Planning Commission: Eric Wenger, Chair, reported the Planning Commission’s 3rd Quarter meeting will be held on September 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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Old Business

Miller Park: Mayor Ruspi reviewed recent progress on the development plans for Miller Park. He distributed a cost sheet with a list of items that Lennar is willing to provide and a list of items the Town would provide. Mayor Ruspi explained that members of the Parks and Trails Task Force applied for and received a grant for development of Miller Park. Because the plans for the park changed since the grant application was submitted it is not clear if costs the Town incurs will be approved for fifty percent reimbursement or not. There was discussion about the items the Town and Lennar should provide and some revisions to the list were recommended. Mayor Ruspi stated Mr. Duncan will supply invoices for the services and goods Lennar provides.

Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the revisions. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Picnic – September 15th: Mayor Ruspi shared that many residents and contractors have inquired as to the status of the picnic due to the potential weather impacts from Hurricane Florence. There was discussion on the possible impact on parking, activities and vendors.

Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve the picnic proceeding as planned. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Laytonsville Grove Concerns: Mayor Ruspi detailed the actions that have been taken to address resident concerns on Maple Knoll Drive. The speed bumps have been painted, the County has installed a trailer to measure the number and speed of vehicles exiting the Laytonsville Grove development and the Town contractor will treat the storm water management pond for mosquitoes. The concerns expressed by residents and actions taken have been shared with the representative from Lennar.

New Business

County Police and SHA Updates: Mayor Ruspi said the State Highway Administration agreed there were too many signs around the roundabout and they removed seventeen of

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them. No outlet signs have been installed by the developer in Laytonsville Preserve and motorcycle patrol officers have been in the development to address vehicles driving on the path between Higgins Road and White House Lane. The County has placed a speed camera on Route 108 near the roundabout. There was discussion about the effectiveness of speed control measures and ongoing safety concerns with the speed of vehicles driving through Town.

Council Member Simonetti made a motion that the Town obtain data from the speed control measures and analyze it before making further recommendations. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. ***Council Members Burke, O’Hair and Simonetti voted in favor. Council Member Bradsher opposed.***

Zoning Change for 7000 Brink Road: Mayor Ruspi said the resident at 7000 Brink Road would like to change the zoning for the residence from historic residential to historic commercial. Christine Wilkinson, 7000 Brink Road, stated the property was zoned commercial when she and her husband purchased it in 1978. Ms. Wilkinson read from a prepared statement explaining the reasons she is requesting the zoning reclassification. There were questions about parking requirements and traffic at the intersection of Route 108 and Brink Road. Council Member Simonetti commented on the amount of information to be reviewed without a work session being scheduled. Mayor Ruspi asked the Council if they would like to review the information at a work session. Council Members Bradsher, Burke and O’Hair said they would prefer to review the information outside of a work session. The Clerk said a public hearing will be scheduled in October per the notification guidelines.

Old Town Sign: Mayor Ruspi said the old Town sign on Route 108 is in need of repairs. He has spoken with members of the Laytonsville Lions Club about the possibility of reconditioning and relocating the sign.

Work Session: No work session is scheduled.

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Residents Forum:

Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive shared a video that he took of traffic on Route 108 near the Town Hall. He said the roundabout has made a huge benefit but traffic continues to be a concern.

Paul Simonetti of 21711 Rolling Ridge Lane said a resident on Sundown Road continues to block the sidewalk with stones. He said this has been an issue for a long time and inquired if the Town Council was going to address the concern.

Council Member Simonetti made a motion that the Town Council takes action against the resident if nothing is done by the time of the October Town Council meeting. There was no second of the motion.

Mayor Ruspi agreed to add this topic to the October Town Council meeting agenda.

Adjournment: Council Member O’Hair made a motion to adjourn at 9:53pm. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson
Assistant Clerk
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Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday or Thursday holidays, the following day, Tuesday or Friday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2018:

For Thursday, November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving – Pick up will be November 23

Mixed paper recyclable materials must be separated from other recyclable materials or they will not be picked up. 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.