

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 7-2-13
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on September 3, 2013

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. Council members Jim Ruspi and David Preusch were present. The Clerk, Treasurer and Assistant Clerk were present. Four residents were also present. The minutes of the Town Council meeting on June 4, 2013 were not approved as submitted.

Mayor Prats swore in Council Member David Preusch to a new term.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of June 2013. Total income for the month of June was \$29,106 with \$27,872 coming from Income Tax. Major expenses for June 2013 were \$1,161 for Accounting Expenses, \$1,060 for Municipal Functions Expenses, \$7,114 for Payroll Expenses, \$3,255 for Land Planning, \$2,627 for Grounds Maintenance and \$3,176 for Waste Collection. The General Net Income for the month of June was \$6,936. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of June 2013, the fund balance for the general fund was \$882,384, for the CIP account, the balance was \$171,210 and the Fixed Assets was \$684,352. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for June 2013 was \$1,737,946.

Council Member Preusch moved to approve the June Treasurer's report subject to audit. Council Member Ruspi seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Committees and Reports:

Eagle Scout Project: Eagle Scout Patrick Madison of 9136 Bramble Bush Court addressed the Council concerning his proposed Eagle Scout Project. His project consists of constructing two additional exercise stations on the main trail at Rolling Ridge Pond. Council Member Ruspi stated that he thought this project was a good one. Mayor Prats suggested that he meet with Council Member Ruspi and Patrick at the pond to determine locations. Council Member Preusch encouraged Patrick to come back to the council with a cost estimate of the project and he encouraged Patrick to do fund raising.

Council Member Preusch made the motion to approve Patrick Madison's Eagle Scout concept. Council Member Ruspi seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

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Mayor's Update and Reports:

WSSC Update: Mayor Prats stated that completion of the pumping station will be in early October.

MML: Mayor Prats, Council Member Jim Ruspi and Commissioner Jill Ruspi attended the MML, (Maryland Municipal League), conference in Ocean City, Maryland in June. Council Member Ruspi stated that he received positive feedback about the Town of Laytonsville at the conference. He thanked Mayor Prats for all he has done for the town. Council Member Ruspi also mentioned that several MML members commented favorably about the job that Mayor Prats is doing and the Town of Laytonsville is fortunate to have him as Mayor.

Council Member Ruspi also mentioned a workshop he attended at the MML Conference regarding safety issues during meetings. He stated that an Officer from the Greenbelt police department is willing to come and speak to the Council about these issues. Commissioner Jill Ruspi spoke about a citizen engagement seminar she attended which was moderated by Mayor Prats.

Mayor Prats mentioned that the fall conference is in Solomon's Island on October 17.

Mayor Prats thanked Council Member and Commissioner Ruspi for attending the conference. He also thanked Commissioner Jill Ruspi for carrying the Laytonsville flag.

Safety Inspector: It was noted that the Safety Inspector for the third quarter is Council Member Ruspi.

Mayor Prats stated that the Mayor of Westminster complimented him on the flag display in town. Council Member Ruspi also received compliments on the flag display throughout town previously.

Mayor Prats reported that according to The Federal Aviation Administration, no beacon light is needed on the monopole for aviation safety.

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It was also mentioned by Mayor Prats that two homes on Montgomery Ave. are in transition and the property hadn't been maintained, i.e., lawn mowed, weeds pulled, etc. The problem was addressed and the properties are now being taken care of.

Work Session: There was no work session scheduled.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mayor Prats had received an email with attachments from Mr. Paul Simonetti of 21711 Brink Road concerning the eastern side of Rolling Ridge Lane to the out flow, (circle). Upon advice from the Town Lawyer, the town will maintain and mow the swales from the sidewalk to the road in front of the Simonetti residence on Brink Road and the Azeem residence on Rolling Ridge Lane.

Council:

Council Member Preusch reported that he has been contacted twice by Verizon regarding FIOS installation in his home.

Mayor Prats stated that Goshen Enterprises is working with Stadler Nursery to secure the town sign on Rt. 108.

Mayor Prats reported that the wetland survey is still in process.

It was mentioned by Mayor Prats that the process of moving dirt will begin on Warfield Road in the near future as part of the Fulks South subdivision.

Mayor Prats stated that he was in favor of putting a bridge over the spillway at Rolling Ridge Pond and would get an estimate. He also mentioned that he asked Goshen Enterprises to come up with a plan to prevent cars from driving in the area.

Council Member Ruspi inquired as to the possibility during the months of July or August that there not be a town council meeting on one of those months in the future due to Council Members or staff scheduled vacations.

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Residents: Mr Beraq Azeem of 21723 Rolling Ridge Lane gave a disclosure package to the Council. The package is in regards to the Rolling Ridge Home Owners Association

Adjournment: Council Member Ruspi made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Council member Preusch seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
July 2, 2013

In its third year as an Arbor Day Foundation partner, Pepco is providing free trees to customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia through the Energy-Saving Trees program. Launched as a pilot initiative in 2011, the Energy-Saving Trees program conserves energy and reduces household electricity bills through strategic tree planting. Pepco customers can reserve their free trees today at www.arborday.org/pepco.

Within seconds of accessing the website, an online tool helps Pepco customers find the most strategic location for planting and estimates the annual savings that will result from the tree. Customers can reserve up to two trees per household and the program will continue until all trees are reserved. In exchange for the free trees, customers are expected to care for the trees and plant them in the location provided by the online tool. The two-to-four-foot trees will be delivered directly to the customer at an ideal time for planting.

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“Residents – please be aware that Verizon has started construction to bring FIOS service to Town. This involves stringing of wires and digging in the utility right of ways to lay underground wire. We are in the process of trying to obtain the construction schedule.”

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 2013:

For Monday, Sept. 2, Labor Day, pick-up will be Sept. 3

For Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, pick-up will be Nov. 12

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.