

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, August 7, 2017**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Mayor Planner and Councilmembers Windsor, Bollinger, Phillips and Morean. Also in attendance were staff, citizens and media.

Mayor Planner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, he welcomed everyone and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

**Historical Moment**

Mr. Bart Johnson shared a Historical Moment regarding the many folks who have placed lights on the water tower over the years, and those who were brave enough to climb the tower. It is believed that Mr. Danny Dorman may have written a document about the lighting of the tower many years. Ms. Kay Coleman is making a quilt to commemorate the lighting of the tower and it will be on display at the Heritage Day event on September 23rd at the FHS Museum. There will also be a log book for those who climbed the tower to sign.

**Guests**

Mr. Chris Parks requested permission from the Mayor and Council to use the Senior League Ballfields for practice and games for a Co-Ed Softball slow pitch League. Mr. Parks stated that all care and maintenance of the field and grounds would be handled by the league. They have gotten more interest from the public since they agreed to make the teams co-ed; and Mr. Parks stated that he will provide the Town with a schedule once it becomes available. He stated that practice/games should begin the first week of September and run through mid to late October. They currently have five teams and hope that the VFW will run the snack stand. They have a NO TOLERANCE Policy for alcohol and will not tolerate problems on the grounds.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously approved by a vote of five to zero approving Mr. Parks request to use the Senior League Ballfields for practice and games for Coed Softball Slow Pitch League.

**Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Department**

Mr. Charlie Ruf, member of the Federalsburg Fire Company, was presented to request that the Mayor and Council waive the \$80 permit fee for roof permit that that recently purchased to complete renovations to a portion of their engine room. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Mayor and Councilmembers would like to verify if a precedent of this nature had ever been previously set; and Councilmembers Windsor and Morean recused themselves because they are Fire Company members. Mayor Planner also agreed that since he is a member and to avoid a conflict of interest, it would be best to verify with the Town Attorney and to table any decision until the August Workshop.

## **Old Business**

### **Safe Routes To School Project - University Avenue**

George Mayer reported that the Inspector from Bob Rauch Engineering came today to view the project after the rainfall, and observe the water flow. The contractor has advised that all work will be complete before school opens on September 5th. There will be no additional cost to the Town, this is all part of the bid package.

### **Safe Routes To School Project - Gerardi Boulevard**

George Mayer reported that he has begun building the Safe Routes To School Gerardi Boulevard package today. Mr. Mayer stated that the completion of this grant package should be easier this time, because he now has a sample to compare it to. The Gerardi Boulevard package should be complete sometime this week.

### **Mayor & Council Award of Dredging Project Update**

George Mayer reported that there will be a pre-construction meeting within a week or two for the Marshyhope Creek Dredging Project. DNR will meet with the contractor and all representatives to ensure that he will have the project completed prior to the February 1st deadline.

### **Northwest Fork Dock**

George Mayer reported that Mr. Tim Geortemiller has been working under the dock all week at low tide, repiling and placing the rocks; then he began putting in the new deck boards. Mr. Geortemiller may be finished this project in two to three weeks.

## **USDA Grants**

George Mayer reported that the Town has received approval for both of the two grant requests submitted; the Public Works radios and the Fire Hydrant Adapters. Both of these grants are 75/25, which means the Town will have to provide 25% match. The total grant amounts are \$16,900 for the Public Works Radios and \$18,700 for the Fire Hydrant Adaptors.

## **New Business**

### **Schedule Date for September Meeting**

Due to the upcoming Labor Day Holiday, the regular monthly meeting date for September will be changed to Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 at 6 pm.

### **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding - FHS/Friends of Water Tower and Town**

The Federalsburg Historical Society presented a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between FHS, Friends of the Water Tower and the Mayor and Council. Shirley Greene stated that the MOU Agreement was reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney if the Mayor and Council are in agreement.

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the MOU Agreement between the FHS, Friends of the Water Town and the Mayor and Council.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Federalburg Historical Society**

FHS had a very successful weekend at the Thresherman's Show August 4th - 6th

Heritage Day will be on Saturday, September 23rd at the FHS Museum.

Friends of the Water Tower will host a Crab Feast at FVFC on August 13th the cost is \$40.

FHS is selling raffle tickets for a candlelight dinner for 4 at the Exeter House, catered by the Culinary Arts Students and the menu will be Surf and Turf. The date of the candlelight dinner will be October 14th.

#### **Federalburg Lions Club**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Federalburg Volunteer Fire Department**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the minutes as presented.

#### **Public Comments (2 Minutes)**

Robert Nuton - 108 Academy Avenue - Mr. Nuton expressed some concerns about rental housing and landlords not completing necessary repairs; and some concerns about his water bill. Mr. Nuton was advised to come into Town Hall during business hours and the office staff could assist him with any water bill concerns, and any landlord or repair concerns could be addressed with John Garlick, Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Bart Johnson had some questions regarding the new business on Reliance Avenue, Eastern Shore Forestry Products, regarding removal of brush and buffer requirements. Councilmember Bollinger stated that the company did cleanup/clear out some of the brush at the rear of their property to help make operations smoother, and they may install a buffer at some point in the future but it is not a requirement.

## **Mayor & Council Action Items**

### **Councilmember Windsor**

Councilmember Windsor stated he received another complaint about public urination at the dock and folks not using the portable toilet. Shirley Greene stated that she would advise the Police Department and ask them to monitor the area more closely. She stated that she has spoken with the Police and unless folks are caught "in the act" or with alcohol, which was also a concern from this area, there really isn't much the Police can do. There was discussion about No Trespassing signs, however, some of the area where folks are hanging out is private property.

### **Councilmember Bollinger**

Nothing at this time.

### **Councilmember Morean**

Councilmember Morean requested a brief closed session after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

### **Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips reported that on July 22nd, the Youth Soapbox Derby was held in Akron, Ohio and Federalsburg was ranked #8 out of 200 cities as an Excellent Host City. Councilmember Phillips wanted to extend a huge thank you to Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company and all of the volunteers involved, who help and support this event.

### **Mayor Planner**

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, to close the regular meeting at 6:46 pm and go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, to close the closed session and reopen the regular meeting at 6:51 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristy L. Marshall*

Kristy L. Marshall, Clerk-Treasurer