

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 3, 2018 @ 6:00 pm**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Mayor Planner and Councilmembers Bollinger, Phillips, Windsor and Morean. Also in attendance were Brynja Booth, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Marie Coulbourne, Chestnut Grove/Bloomery UMC offered a prayer for the Town, citizens and staff.

Welcome

Mayor Planner opened the meeting at 6:10 pm, he welcomed everyone and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Announcement of Closed Session

Mayor Planner announced that the Mayor and Council held a closed session from 5:15 pm to 6:08 pm prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Statement to the Public regarding Wastewater Spill

Mayor Planner read an announcement regarding a Wastewater Spill, as follows:

On November 25th, the Federalsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced an overflow, which caused a discharge of partially treated wastewater into the Marshyhope Creek. The overflow was created by a pump failure. The Maryland Department of the Environment was contacted, as well as the Caroline County Director of Environmental Health. The pumps have been repaired and the site was cleaned up, limed and has been back in operation since Wednesday, November 28th.

Sale of Equipment

Sam Schlegel of White Marsh contacted Shirley last week to inquire if the Town would be interested in selling some of the old lab equipment that is no longer in use at the WWTP. The Mayor and Council agreed on the price of \$1,500. The testing samples are now sent out and this equipment is no longer needed. DE Technical College is the agency that is interested in purchasing the equipment.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously approved by a vote of five to zero approving the sale of Wastewater Treatment equipment for \$1,500.

Historical Moment

Bart Johnson reported the following:

On November 17th, the Community Civic celebrated 100 years in service since 1918. They held a very nice ceremony and had a great crowd.

Old Business

SRTS - Gerardi Avenue Update

George Mayer reported that the SRTS Gerardi Avenue project is moving along. SHA has realized that there is not enough money to cover project. They will soon approve the bid package and will see how the bids/costs come in before making any changes.

Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant Update

George Mayer reported that the garbage cans purchased under the Keep Maryland Beautiful grant are in but have not been installed yet. Some of the plantings still need to be done and may not get done by February but Mr. Mayer does not believe this will be a problem. The new trees and street lights have been completed.

Floating Dock ADA Update

George Mayer reported that the concrete pouring is set to start tomorrow and the dock crew is scheduled to come in right after the concrete is completed. If the weather stays good this project should be done by end of next week.

Marshyhope Creek Debris Removal Update

George Mayer reported that the Marshyhope Creek Debris Removal project is moving along swiftly and should be done very soon.

Mr. Mayer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thank you to town.

Front Counter Enclosure

Shirley Greene requested a decision from the Mayor and Council regarding the two bids previously received from GoGlass and Brown Glass Company. Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger to proceed with the lowest bid.

New Business

Councilmember Phillips reported that the Colonel Richardson High School Honor Society is planning a Dog Run from the Marina to Chambers Park on April 13th and they would like approval to proceed on this date. They are hosting this event to raise money for the Dog Park. Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean to approve the 5K Dog Run from the Marina to Chambers Park on April 13th.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society

Bart Johnson reported that the Historical Society will be open after the Christmas Parade.

Federalsburg Lions Club

Kim Abner reported the following for the Lions Club:

December 10th - Christmas Parade at 7 pm - Line-up will be at 6 pm lineup on Bloomingdale and University Avenues.

Mrs. Abner extended a thank you to the Mayor and Council for attending the Tree Lighting at the Triangle. And a thank you to all the staff for their assistance with the Christmas lights and all that they do for the Lions Club.

Mrs. Abner reported that the motion light is still not working on pavilion and requested that Public Works be asked to fix it.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Mr. George Mayer reported that the Holiday Decorating Contest would be taking place again this year. Residents in town and residents within a 2 mile radius of town will be judged on December 17 - 19 and cash prizes will be awarded on December 20th.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilmember Bollinger stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Federalsburg Fire Company

Councilmember Morean stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comments (2 Minutes)

Bart Johnson stated that he wanted to make sure the Mayor and Council were aware of what's been happening at the Log Cabin in Chambers Park. There was an incident recently and a neighbor reported a group of children vandalizing the log cabin. The Police were called and people were questioned about the incident. Mr. Johnson stated that he is not sure of the outcome, but he knows there have been numerous break-ins in his neighborhood and he would like more information. He stated that someone from Public Works came and advised the neighbor that nothing ever happens because the information never gets to the people who enforce it. Mr. Johnson was advised that he would need to contact Chief McDermott for more information.

Brother Minister Tom Duncan, from the Fellowship House of Praise in Hurlock, requested permission from the Mayor and Council to periodically offer free soup and minister to wayward souls at the fishing dock behind the HUB. Brother Duncan was advised that the Mayor and Council did not have a problem with his request, however, he would need to obtain proper approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission and the County Health Department.

Kim Abner - Mrs. Abner expressed concern regarding the Wastewater Treatment pump overflow because she lives on the Marshyhope Creek. She stated that this has never happened prior to White Marsh taking over and she is very concerned, she feels they should be held accountable. Mrs. Abner was advised that this was an unfortunate accident and we are taking the matter seriously .

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

Nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember Bollinger

Councilmember Bollinger requested that Kristy followup with Steve Dyott regarding the condition of Chambers Park Road.

Councilmember Morean

Councilmember Morean commended the Lions Club for their work on the Tree Lighting at the Triangle. The crowd was not as large as in past years, but it was a great event.

He also questioned the status of the road repairs on Maple Avenue and on Bloomingdale in front of Fisher Auto Parts. Shirley Greene will followup with Public Works.

Councilmember Morean also reported that the water tower has been changed for the christmas holiday and it looks beautiful.

Councilmember Phillips

Councilmember Phillips also thanked the Lions Club for all their hard work on the Christmas Lights and Tree at the Triangle. He also stated that Union Church would have coffee and hot chocolate on Parade night.

Christmas Parade

Shirley Greene asked if the Mayor and Council would be participating in the parade, so that we can RSVP. Mayor Planner, Councilmembers Windsor and Morean said yes, Councilmember Bollinger said no, and Councilmember Phillips said he would have to get back to us.

Mayor Planner

Mayor Planner read a statement regarding recent posts and comments on "The Pride of Federalsburg" Facebook page. He stated that these statements are not endorsed, nor approved by the Town of Federalsburg and any questions or comments should be directed to the Mayor directly. Many of these posts/comments are a defamation of character and are false accusations.

Mayor Planner also extended a big thank you to Lions Club for all their hard work.

Adjournment

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer