

Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 4, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019 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 Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Welcome

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

Prayer of Invocation - Pastor Marie Coulbourne
New Life Family Outreach

Pastor Marie Coulbourne offered a prayer of invocation for the Town, staff and community.

Guests

Joe Riley, Caroline County State's Attorney - Mr. Riley gave a brief update on happenings in Caroline County. He also provided updates on various cases surrounding Federalsburg. Mr. Riley stated that Ms. Caroline Frost, Assistant State's Attorney will attend the Mayor and Council meetings each month to give updates on the community. Mr. Riley also gave his email address and stated that the Mayor and Council and public were welcome to contact him at anytime. (jriley@carolinemd.org)

Lisa Wool, Nanticoke Watershed - Ms. Wool gave a brief update on the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, which is a non-advocacy group that fosters partnerships and progress in conserving the natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Nanticoke River watershed through dialogue, collaborative outreach and education. Ms. Wool also reviewed program goals and strategies, which include: Creekwatchers, which monitor the health of the Nanticoke River and its tributaries; environmental education and outreach which provides watershed-focused, fact-based educational programs and events; recreation and ecotourism and community collaboration, working together with community members, businesses and other industries to improve the health of the Nanticoke River Watershed. Ms. Wool stated that the Marshyhope Creek is one of the cleanest in the area, and it is used as as protocol for the best in the area. It has the clearest waters, bed grasses and promotes oxygen for fish. She stated that she would love to come back once a year to give updates to the Mayor and Council.

Matthew Cimino, St. Michaels Winery/Great Shoals Cellars, LLC - Mr. Cimino presented a request for a Small Business Loan for \$50,000 to the Mayor and Council. He stated that the second winery was started in St Michaels and their warehouse is in Federalsburg. They are eager to continue to grow business, and launched Great Shoals brand in 2008, using local fruits to make wine. They won top honors the last 2 years running for their fruit wines which are very popular. They are proposing a new brand, Tropical Shoals using tropical ingredients to produce wines. Mr. Cimino stated that they are seeking funds as part of startup loan, to help pay for manufacturing and take stress off launching a new brand.

In 2017 they opened a tasting room in St Michaels, which has also been a huge success. They are planning to repay the loan in timely manner or ahead of schedule. He is asking for \$50,000 and he plans to invest \$51,000 of his own money to launch this new product.

There were no additional questions for Mr. Cimino, and the Mayor and Council agreed to discuss further at the February 25th workshop and make a decision on March 4th.

Historical Moment

Mr. Bart Johnson presented a historical moment regarding Mr. Ralph T "Jimmy" Johnson and Mr. Charles A. Engle, who were athletes and graduates of Federalsburg High School.

Old Business

SRTS Gerardi Avenue Update - George Mayer reported tomorrow meet with Bob Rauch for a conference call with SHA on the Gerardi Avenue project. Mr. Mayer stated that information has been sent to SHA and they have comments to be reviewed. He stated that this project review is nearly complete and the Town may begin the project very soon.

Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant Update - George Mayer reported that he is conducting a report today which is due on February 15th regarding how the money has been spent. Mr. Mayer stated that there is approximately \$1,000 left for tools and plantings which will be done in the spring.

Floating Dock ADA Update - George Mayer reported that the floating dock has been installed. The contractor has determined that the stairway from land to the gangplank is a little slippery, and will be installing slip treads to ensure safety.

Log Cabin Repairs Grant Update - George Mayer reported he has applied for two grants for the Log Cabin Repairs. The grants are from the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. The amounts of fund requested for these grants were the same, with hopes to obtain funding from at least one of the two.

New Business

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society - Mr. Bart Johnson reported that the museum is closed for the winter. They have no activities scheduled, but can open by appointment.

Federalsburg Lions Club - Nothing to report at this time.

Federalsburg Planning & Zoning Commission - Councilmember Bollinger reported the Royal Farms presented preliminary site, landscaping and architectural plans for review. They will schedule a workshop this week to further discuss the landscaping plans.

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company

Doug Ramey, President of Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company reported that the Company held their annual elections and presented the Mayor and Council with the list for approval. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the 2019 list of officers for Federalsburg Fire Company.

Mr. Ramey stated that himself, Mr. Ken Trader, Vice Pres., or Mr. Steve Cox, Chief would try to attend every meeting to give updates about the Fire Company and upcoming events. They will host a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 13th and their Annual Appreciation Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 23rd.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment (2 minutes)

None

Mayor and Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Bollinger

Councilmember Bollinger asked about the status of the installation of glass at the front counter. Kristy Marshall stated that the installation is planned for February 7th.

Shirley Greene stated that Steve Dyott is working on getting estimates to complete the repairs to Chambers Street/Reliance Avenue for the budget workshop.

Councilmember Morean

Councilmember Morean reported that he has talked with Senator Eckardt and Delegate Mautz regarding the splash pad. They are working on legislation and with the County Health Department, to change the regulations to help with the splash pad regulations. They hope to have this in place in about two months, and they are trying to find monies to help cover some of the expenses or possibly matching grant funds.

Councilmember Phillips

Nothing at this time.

Mayor Planner

Mayor Planner attended the Mayor's Conference in Annapolis last week. He obtained many good items, one particularly was regarding 5G small cell wireless infrastructure. Many people and towns are not happy with them, the range is terrible and they are very slow. At the conference they encouraged towns to put legislation in place to regulate these devices. Lyndsey Ryan stated that several other towns have adopted ordinances to regulate, because there have been many concerns/problems. Towns are passing an ordinance to regulate these companies and put limits on them. If there is nothing in place, they have no restrictions; many companies do not reply once they find out there are restrictions.

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to allow Lyndsey Ryan to draft an ordinance to regulate 5G Wireless Cell infrastructure.

Mayor Planner stated that he has received some concerns regarding parking in the first block of West Central Avenue. Many cars parked on the street and none in their driveways. Mayor Planner suggested Chief McDermott take a look at this matter and report back.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer