

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 5, 2018 @ 6:00 pm**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 5, 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 6:00 pm, he welcomed everyone and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

**Guests:**

Debbie Bowden, Caroline County EDC gave the Mayor and Council an update on a couple items for the Town and County. She reported that the Crystal Steel Grand Opening went very well and Governor Hogan was present. Ms. Bowden also thanked Shirley Greene and Kristy Marshall for their assistance in coordination with this event. The broadband service to the Park was also introduced and the event was Facebook live worldwide.

Ms. Bowden also reported that she has been working to obtain EDA grant funding for the expansion of the Frank Adams Industrial Park. She has received some information from the Mid-Shore Regional Council, as they are a conduit for Federal ADA funds, which would assist with the expansion and potential purchase of the land. Ms. Bowden is awaiting clarification of the details. Ms. Bowden has also been working on obtaining funding for the Ridgely Industrial Park. She has potential prospects, who specifically inquired about locating in Ridgely. Ms. Bowden also stated that she has two potential interests for the Town of Federalsburg, however, they are highly confidential at this time.

Mr. Bart Johnson questioned how much land was involved in the potential expansion and Ms. Bowden stated 171 acres.

**Historical Moment - Federalsburg Historical Society**

Mr. Bart Johnson shared a historical moment highlighting the 100 year celebration of the Community Civic League School. A celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th at 3 pm at the school location on Laurel Grove Road.

Mr. Johnson also noted that the Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th at 1 pm. The parade route begins on Morris Avenue at the Town parking lot and ends at the VFW.

## **Old Business**

### **Grants/Main Street Update - George Mayer**

**SRTS - Gerardi Avenue Update** - George Mayer reported the State Highway Administration had some changes to the bid package and request more engineering that was allowed for the project. SHA has been advised that the Town will need additional funding in order to complete their request. Mr. Mayer stated that SHA has not responded to date. There was question regarding the guard rail and location of the sidewalk, and Mr. Mayer stated that the guard rail will be moved out and the sidewalk located behind it.

**Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant Update** - George Mayer reported that the Main Street trees have been planted. The garbage cans have been delivered and will be installed soon. They will be placed a little differently than the current cans to avoid damages. Mr. Mayer stated that he is working with Councilmember Morean regarding installation of smaller plantings and hopes the project will be completed by February.

**Floating Dock ADA Update** - George Mayer reported that he is waiting for the paperwork to be completed and the work can begin immediately. If weather permits completion will be quick and the project should only take a couple of days.

**Marshyhope Creek Debris Removal Update** - George Mayer reported that the debris removal project is moving along well. Any plantings that have been left in place are permitted and he has talked with Public Works to maintain them. Mr. Goertemiller begun cleanup at the East Central Avenue bridge and is working toward the Walking Bridge.

There was question whether or not the St. Michaels Winery building has been put up for sale again, because there is a sign in front. Mr. Mayer stated that it has not, the original sign has never been removed. Mr. Mayer spoke recently with the owner who stated that he has called the realtor to come and pick it up.

## **New Business**

Mayor Planner reported that the Town settled this week on the sale of 6.7 acres in the Frank Adams Industrial Park to Noah Lyden, owner of Lywood Electric. Mr. Lyden plans to build a new facility very soon.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Federalburg Historical Society**

Bart Johnson reported the following items for the Federalburg Historical Society:

November 9th - Sandwich Sale at the Museum from 10 am until sold out - \$7 Pit Beef or Pork

Mr. Johnson questioned if the Town owns the FHS Museum, and he was advised that the Town has a 99 year lease for the property with FHA. He asked if it would be possible to have Comcast internet service installed. Kristy was requested to look into this installation.

### **Federalsburg Lions Club**

Ms. Debbie Sewell reported the following items for the Lions Club:

The Tree Lighting at the Triangle - November 30th at 6 pm

Christmas Parade - December 10th at 7 pm

Ms. Sewell also reported that the lights at skatepark have been repaired.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Councilmember Bollinger reported the Planning & Zoning Commission held a meeting last month and discussed changing the zoning of R-2 properties to R-1. He stated that he would like to discuss this further with the Mayor and Council at their next workshop.

### **Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company**

Councilmember Morean reported that the Federalsburg Fire Company is currently having their annual Fund Drive.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Mayor & Council Action Items**

#### **Councilmember Windsor**

Councilmember Windsor requested that the crosswalk stripes be replaced at the East Central Avenue bridge crosswalk.

#### **Councilmember Bollinger**

Councilmember Bollinger stated that the roadbed at Chambers Street and Reliance Avenue is in bad shape and requested to have Public Works look at the area.

Councilmember Bollinger also requested to discuss at the next workshop, changing the Water and Sewer billing from quarterly to monthly.

#### **Councilmember Morean**

Councilmember Morean thanked everyone for their prayers and condolences during the loss of his mother.

### **Councilmember Phillips**

Councilmember Phillips wanted to thank the Town, staff, Lions Club and everyone for their help and support for the Trunk or Treat event. It was a great event.

### **Mayor Planner**

Mayor Planner reported that he and George Mayer attended the Easton Mayor's Breakfast last week. It was a great event, very information and the singer was amazing.

### **Announcement of New Chief of Police**

Mayor Planner stated that the Mayor and Council are pleased and excited to announce that they have hired Michael McDermott as the Chief of Police of the Federalsburg Police Department. Chief McDermott joins us after working for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for 30 years. In addition to working at the Sheriff's Office, Chief McDermott served as the Chief of Police for the Town of Snow Hill for 4 years. Chief McDermott and his wife, Laura, currently reside in Pocomoke, where they have lived for 30 years. However, they are in the process of purchasing a home closer to Federalsburg and we are thrilled to have them join our community. We believe that the experience Chief McDermott has will make him a great addition and asset to the Town. We look forward to the Chief getting to know everyone and appreciate all who are here to welcome him.

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to appoint Mr. Michael McDermott to the position of Chief of Police, and he will begin on November 15th, 2018.

### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristy L. Marshall*

Clerk-Treasurer