

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 5, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 5, 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 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 Pam Bockart

Pastor Pam Bockart offered a Prayer of Invocation for the Mayor and Council, staff and community.

Guests:

Saleta Nichols - World Soapbox Derby Champion

Mayor Planner introduced and congratulated Miss Saleta Nichols for winning the 82nd Annual World Super Stock Soapbox Derby in Akron, Ohio. Mr. Danny Phillips, local Director for the Soapbox Derby, also congratulated Miss Nichols and stated that she also won the Kenny Smith Sportsmanship Award. Mr. Phillips thanked the Mayor and Council, town staff, Police, the Fire Company and local businesses for all their support for the soapbox derby. Mayor presented Miss Nichols with a Certificate of Recognition and a bouquet of flowers.

**Patrick Allison, Denton Rotary Club
Caroline County Tug-Of-War Challenge**

Mr. Patrick Allison, Denton Rotary Club was present to challenge the town to a game of tug of war. Mr. Allison has recruited teams from Denton, Preston and Ridgely and encouraged Federalsburg to also participate. He hopes to encourage 20 teams to join the challenge. Mr. Allison stated that employees and their immediate families are welcome to participate. Mr. Allison also invited the Federalsburg Fire Company to participate and asked them to challenge Preston Fire Company to join as well.

Teams will consist of 10 players and each player is encouraged to raise \$60 in sponsorship funds. Therefore, each team will raise \$600, of which \$100 goes to the Denton Rotary Club and the remaining \$500 will go to the charity of the teams' choice.

Employee Introduction - Lt. Joe Gasser

Lt. Joe Gasser introduced the newest member of the Federalsburg Police Department, PFC. Dennis Taylor. Officer Taylor brings 18 years experience in law enforcement, including K-9 experience and he was an Instructor at the Criminal Justice Academy. The Mayor and Council, and the Federalsburg Police Department is proud to welcome Officer Taylor to the force.

Historical Moment

Bart John shared a historical moment regarding the current and past Soapbox Derby's in Federalsburg. This is a great tradition in the Town and it is encouraged to continue for many years.

Old Business

Grant/Main Street Update - George Mayer

SRTS Gerardi Avenue Update - Happy stated that the project is moving along. The MOU has been sent in to SHA and is awaiting signatures. This is the final paperwork before award to the contractor will take place, and then it will probably take about 30 days before construction will begin.

Log Cabin Repair Grant Application/Update

Happy received a grant for half of the total cost to complete repairs to the Chambers Park Log Cabin. The Town's portion of this match was included in the budget. This project will not begin until Spring, because of a mandatory training class scheduled for September.

FBCA - Quarterly Meeting Update - Happy stated that the Federalsburg Business and Civic Association will hold another Business Luncheon on August 14th at 12 noon at the FHS Museum. The focus will be on Small Businesses and assistance with obtaining loans. Mr. Ron Loeffler will be the guest speaker, and representatives from two local banks will be present to speak with business representatives. The cost is \$12 per person, and Happy has about 20 RSVPs to date.

Chambers Lake Dam Repair Update

Happy received an email that MDE had grant funds available for projects such as the Chambers Lake Dam repairs. He has submitted the grant application for the \$7,500 project but has not received a response back yet. Happy stated that he has a positive feeling about this grant request.

Chambers Park Grant Update - Tennis Courts, Lights Baseball Field & Playground - Happy stated that the grant paperwork has been submitted for funding for the Tennis Courts, Lighting and Playground Equipment. The applications must be submitted by June, however, no decisions will be made until next year.

New Business

Re-Introduce Ordinance No. 2019-04

An Ordinance of the Town of Federalsburg authorizing a line of credit promissory note with Provident State Bank in the Principal amount of \$750,000. The proceeds of which may be used to provide interim financing to cover expenses and indebtedness that may arise from the construction of a solar energy project which would **reduce** annual electrical expenses for the Federalsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant, said loan to be repaid by grant funds received by the Maryland Department of the Environment, and that the Town will pledge its full faith and credit toward the repayment of the loan.

This ordinance was re-introduced due to a change in the wording from the previously introduced ordinance. The word eliminate was changed to reduce.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the revised Ordinance No. 2019-04 as corrected.

PW Request for Controlled Burn

Controlled Burning - Steve Dyott requested permission to conduct a controlled burning at the PW compound to disposed of brush and yard debris that has accumulated from extra garbage pickups. The burning will help reduce some of the landfill expenses so that it does not have to be hauled for disposal. PW will conduct this burning during daylight hours so that staff can control it. Water and equipment will be on hand to control it as well. Residents will be notified by hand delivered notices and Steve Dyott will advise Mayor Planner or Councilmember Morean of the date this will take place so that the FVFC will be aware also.

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the request to conduct a controlled burning at the PW Compound.

Cardboard Dumpsters - Steve Dyott reported that he has had several issues over the years since the cardboard recycling dumpsters were installed, with residents putting trash and other debris besides cardboard in the dumpsters. It is now becoming an increasing problem resulting in fees and penalties from the Company. Steve stated that he has talked with representatives from MES, who currently provide the plastic, paper and glass recycling containers at no charge to the town about obtaining an additional cardboard bin. They have agreed to install an additional cardboard bin and possibly another in the future. Steve would like to eliminate the Waste Management bins at this time because the fees and penalties are becoming outrageous. The MES bins have a small slot, only allowing broken down cardboard to be inserted, not bags or larger items.

Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero allowing the Waste Management Cardboard Recycling Containers to be cancelled/removed at this time.

Generator - Steve Dyott gave an update regarding the concerns with the generator at Town Hall. It shut off at 530 am this morning. After further observation, he did not call Cummins in to check it over because he didn't think there were any problems with it. He believes that the problems is with Delmarva Power and had a conference call with them this morning. It seems as though it may be a result of the three phase electric not

being properly balanced, which is causing the flickering. Steve Dyott will be again talking with Delmarva Power representatives and Lywood Electric to get this matter resolved.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society -

Bart Johnson reported that the Federalsburg Historical Society would again be hosting an Art Show with wine cheese on August 24th from 2 - 7pm.

Federalsburg Lions Club -

Nothing at this time.

Planning & Zoning Commission - Councilmember Bollinger stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Federalsburg Fire Company -

Doug Ramey reported that the Federalsburg Fire Company would be hosting a Chicken BBQ on August 10th from 10 am til sold out.

Mr. Ramey also reported that FVFC has purchased a tanker truck from Bridgeville Fire Department. Federalsburg's tanker truck has been out of service for some time, so they now have one back in service.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bollinger and unanimously passed approving the minutes from the previous months meeting as presented.

Public Comments (2 Minutes)

Ms. Susan Andrew, resident of Old Denton Road stated that a controlled burn was held a few years ago near her home. She stated that while passing by on bicycles, she overheard some of the firemen talking about asbestos shingles on the home that was being burned. Ms. Andrew is concerned that there are several derelict properties on Old Denton Road and if a controlled burning should ever happen again, she would like to be notified. Mayor Planner suggested Ms. Andrew send a letter to the Fire Company requesting future notification.

Ms. Andrew also questioned how rental properties are handled in Town. She stated that the town seems to be overflowing with rentals and she feels that this is part of the reason for the decline in properties around town. She was advised that the Town does have a rental program and the Code Enforcement Officer inspects them on a three year rotation schedule. Landlords must pay a license and an inspection fee. The Mayor and Council stated that they cannot instruct people what to do with their properties, but Planning & Zoning has tried to address some concerns and will relook at the R-2 zoning communities.

Bart Johnson asked if the Town also needed a permit from the Health Department for the open burning at the PW Compound. Mr. Johnson was advised that the Town will verify this with the Health Department prior to the burning.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Bollinger

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Morean

Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Phillips

Nothing at this time.

Mayor Planner

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilmember Bollinger made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer