

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

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner and Councilmembers Phillips, Morean, Windsor and Sewell. Also in attendance were Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Call to Order

Mayor Abner called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Keith Colona, Park Lane Church of God offered a prayer of invocation for the Town and citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Abner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the previous month's minutes as corrected.

Historical Moment

Mr. Bart Johnson shared a historical moment regarding the recent 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Nanticoke Lodge of Masons laying of the cornerstone. Mr. John Phillips, family and friends shared a great program and followed with a reception at the Federalsburg Historical Museum, where the contents of the cornerstone were revealed. The cornerstone contained a newspaper and some old coins.

Guests:

Rev. Pam Bockhart - Recreation Center for the Youth -

Rev. Pam Bockhart advised the Council that she would like to start a recreation center for youth in Federalsburg. She has formed a group of interested members and they are working with Pastor Stanford Ricks and the Men for Change. They have discussed possible locations but need to acquire additional information. They would like to have activities similar to a Boys & Girls Club, games, arts and crafts, etc. - many activities ranging from ages 9 and up. Rev. Bockhart encouraged support from the Mayor and Council, and the entire community.

Pastor Stanford Ricks spoke in support of the recreation center. He stated that the Men for Change has a program offering support, food and short classes on life lessons for children every Friday at 4 pm. He stated

that the problem is there is not enough space to accommodate the various age groups of children that need support in this area.

Mayor Abner suggested setting up a community meeting and reaching out to a development group for assistance. She stated that this was a great project/idea with lots of potential.

Rev. Bockhart stated that she has a meeting planned with the District Supervisor on November 13th from 11 am to 1 pm at Christ Church for anyone who would like to attend.

Old Business

Solar Project - Award of Solar Contract - Bob Rauch -

Mayor Abner reported that at the October 21st Workshop, the Council discussed the two solar bids that were received for the Town's Solar Project to supply electric to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Bob Rauch and Mr. Happy Mayer gave an overview of the bid process and the two bids that were received. One was from Gordian for a total cost of \$1,815,363.55 and the other bid was from Solar Lane for a total cost of \$1,631,845.41.

After discussing the bids and the timeline for the Solar Project, Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero accepting the bid from Solar Lane, as the low responsive bidder on the project. This approval was contingent on the approval of the procurement package by MDE and the award of the grant by the Board of Public Works.

Procurement Policy - Discussion and Approval -

Mayor Abner reported that at the October 21st Workshop, the Council discussed some issues that Town staff had experienced with the Town's Procurement Policy. Shirley Greene, Town Manager provided a draft updated Procurement Policy for the Council to review. It was agreed that the Council would further review the draft and forward any suggestions/changes to Mrs. Ryan and she will prepare an updated draft for the November Workshop.

MHAA Capital Grant Agreement Approval for Chambers Park Log Cabin -

Mayor Abner reported that at the October 21st Workshop, Mr. Happy Mayer presented a Maryland Heritage Area Authority Grant Agreement with the Town to provide the Town with \$16,564 in grant funds for the revitalization of the Chambers Park Log Cabin. As a condition of accepting the grant, the Town is required to contribute an amount at least equal to the grant. As part of accepting the Agreement, MHAA is requiring that the Town execute a Resolution, which will be discussed under new business as Resolution No. 2019-03.

Veterans Day Parade -

Mr. Ronnie James submitted a request for a Special Events/Parade to hold a Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 9th at 1 pm. He would like to have the parade begin with line-up in the municipal parking lot on Morris Avenue and proceed down Main Street to the Marina area, and he is requesting closure of the street. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving Mr. James request to close the street and hold a Veterans Day Parade on November 9th.

Christmas Advertising -

At the October Workshop, the Council discussed Christmas advertising and the 2019 Christmas Around Caroline flyer. Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously approved the Christmas advertising and the Christmas in Caroline flyer advertisement as budgeted.

New Business -

Resolution No. 2019-03 - The Council read Resolution No. 2019-03 of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg accepting the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program Agreement to receive grant funds in the amount of \$16,564.00 for the restoration of the Chambers Park Log Cabin.

Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving Resolution No. 2019-03 accepting the MHAA Grant Agreement for restoration of the Chambers Park Log Cabin.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society - Mr. Bart Johnson reported that the FHS would be hosting a Sandwich Sale on November 8th from 11 am until sold out. They will have pit beef, turkey and pork.

Federalsburg Lions Club -

Councilmember Sewell reported that the Lions Club will be hosting the following events:

December 6th - Tree Lighting at the Triangle

December 9th - Christmas Parade

December 19th - Senior Citizen Christmas dinner

Planning & Zoning Commission - Steve Bollinger reported that the Planning Commission met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 29th. The Commission discussed the zoning changes and tax abatements and will be meeting again on November 12th for further discussion. Mr. Bollinger also shared copies of the draft revised zoning map and TCRO map with the Mayor and Council.

FVFC - Nothing at this time.

Public Comments

Bart Johnson - Charlotte Avenue - Mr. Johnson questioned the status of trash pickup. Mayor Abner advised that it would take place on Wednesday and Thursday again this week by an outside contractor, and extra trash will be continue as regularly scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays by town staff.

Mr. Johnson also questioned if the pilings in the Marshyhope would ever be removed. Town staff will look into the reasoning for leaving them in place and report back to the Mayor and Council.

Jim Thomas - South University Avenue - Mr. Thomas questioned the location/status of the town's other trash trucks. Mayor Abner stated that the town has two trucks - one is in shop and one is currently at the Town Barn but it is in disrepair.

Betty Parks - Maple Avenue - Mrs. Parks questioned if the Faces of Homelessness meeting at VFW on November 19th from 4-7 pm is open to the public. She was advised that yes it is open to the public.

Shirley Greene for Darlene Hammond - Mrs. Greene reported that Ms. Hammond could not be present for the meeting, however, wanted to inquire about the possibility of installing a handicapped parking on Main Street. The current parking area has handicapped spaces but there is no ramp for wheelchair accessibility. The Council will look at the area and obtain more information.

Shirley Greene - Mrs. Greene requested scheduling of a Closed Session on November 12th, 13th, or 14th at 6 pm with Federalsburg EDC members to consider matters regarding purchase of real estate and location of a potential business. This meeting would be closed to protect Town's bargaining power for the above matters. It was agreed by the Mayor and Council that November 12th would be the best date. Mrs. Greene will schedule the meeting with FEDC.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor - Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Sewell - Councilmember Sewell thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response in replacing a tattered/torn flag at the triangle.

Councilmember Sewell reported that she and Mayor Abner recently attended a Local Government Insurance Trust training seminar and they accepted a plaque on behalf of the Town for 20 years of service.

Councilmember Morean - Councilmember Morean commended the Phillips family for their hard work at the Masonic Building and hosting a great program in honor of their 100th Anniversary.

Councilmember Phillips - Councilmember Phillips reported that Colonel Richardson High School would be hosting a playoff football game on Friday, November 8th at 7 pm. This will be the first time ever that CRHS will be hosting a playoff game. Admission is \$6 per person and they will be playing against Fallston High School.

Councilmember Phillips also reported that the CRHS Girls Volleyball team won their first playoff game, and their second game will be held on Wednesday, November 6th.

Councilmember Phillips also commended Johnny Phillips for nice program in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Building.

Mayor Abner - Mayor Abner thanked the Public Works Department for quickly repairing the broken sign at marina.

Mayor Abner also reported that the Comcast Cares event sponsored by the Lions Club for cleanup of Chambers Park, earned \$3,187 this year. Comcast representatives will be at Chambers Park on Friday, November 8th at 12:30 pm for presentation of the check and a photo.

Adjournment

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer