

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2019 @ 5:00 pm**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Mayor & Council Meeting Room, 118 N Main Street, Federalsburg, Maryland. Those in attendance were former Mayor Planner, Mayor Abner and Councilmembers Bollinger, Phillips, Windsor, Morean and Councilmember Sewell. Also in attendance were Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, staff, citizens and media.

Call to Order

Mayor Kimberly Abner called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Swearing in Councilmember Debi Sewell

Mayor Abner swore in Councilmember-elect Debi Sewell.

Closed Session - Personnel Matter

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to go into closed session at 5:07 pm to discuss personnel matters related to specific employees and to obtain legal advice to protect attorney client privilege. Councilmember Phillips had not yet arrived for the meeting.

Resume Regular Meeting

The Mayor and Council regular monthly meeting was reconvened at 6:01 pm.

Welcome

Former Mayor Planner opened the meeting at 6:02 pm, he welcomed everyone and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Announcement of Closed Session

Councilmember Phillips announced that a closed session at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel matters pertaining to specific employees and to obtain legal advice from the Town Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and passed by a vote of five to zero approving the minutes from the September 16, 2019 Special Meeting/Workshop as presented.

Changing of the Gavel - Charles Planner to Kimberly M. Jahnigen Abner

Former Mayor Charles Planner passed the gavel to Mayor Kimberly M. Jahnigen Abner.

Swearing in Elected Councilmembers - Debi Sewell and Ed Windsor

Mayor Abner swore in Councilmembers Debi Sewell and Ed Windsor.

Presentations to Outgoing Mayor and Councilmember

Mayor Abner presented Charles Planner and Steve Bollinger with an acrylic award in honor of their years of service with the Town.

Appointment of President Pro-Tempore

Mayor Abner appointed Councilmember Phillips to serve as Council President Pro-Tempore.

Historical Moment

Bart Johnson shared a historical moment and pointed out that Cantner's Pharmacy will celebrate their 100th Anniversary this year; as well as the Masonic Lodge will also have a 100th Anniversary celebration in November.

Appointment of Town Officers and Employees

Mayor Abner stated that the Town Manager, Grants Administrator and Public Works Director would not be re-appointed to their positions and that they will be advertised to the public. She also stated that the persons currently filling those positions would continue to work in the interim and are encouraged to re-apply. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to not re-appoint the Town Manager, Grants Administrator and Public Works Director.

Old Business

SRTS Gerardi Blvd Grant Update - George Mayer reported that the contractor began today by installing the silt fencing. Mr. Mayer stated that there have been some delays with this project due to the State of Maryland redesigning some aspects of the project. Progress is scheduled to continue and completion of the East Central area of this project is planned by the end of the month to allow Bramble to complete the East Central Avenue paving before the Asphalt Plants close for the year.

Solar Panel and Land Preparation - Kerney Street - George Mayer reported that the Solar Panel Project was out for bid and three interested parties attended the bid opening. The bids included a total package for the site work and land clearing, and installation of the solar panels and fencing. All bids are being reviewed by Rauch & Associates and Mr. Mayer will get copies to Mayor and Council for review.

Marshyhope Debris Removal and Bid Summary - George Mayer reported the Marshyhope Debris Removal Project was advertised in newspaper and ten direct invitations to bid were sent to licensed contractors in the area. Only one bid was received from Living Ecosystems. The grant is for \$6,500, and the bid was for \$5,555. Mr. Mayer requested the Mayor and Council approve the bid for the Marshyhope Debris Removal Project

Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to approve the bid from Living Ecosystems in the amount of \$5,555 for the Marshyhope Debris Removal Project.

Chief McDermott - Operational Changes at Federalsburg Elementary School Crossing

Chief McDermott stated there have been no changes since his last report regarding the Federalsburg Elementary School Crosswalk. There are very few children using the crosswalk that are not with an adult or parent. He stated that his department has conducted alot of radar and stop sign enforcement in this area. Chief McDermott stated that he planned to speak with Dr. Halloway, Principal regarding some ideas for the crossing guard. Chief McDermott will update as more information becomes available.

New Business

Mayor and Council Participation in CRHS Alumni Parade on 10/26/19

The Mayor and Council were invited to attend the CRHS Alumni Parade on October 26th at 10 am. Mayor Abner and Councilmembers Sewell and Windsor stated that they would attend. Councilmembers Phillips and Morean would not be able to attend.

Request for Additional Lighting - Kerney Street -

Shirley Greene, Town Manager reported that she received a call from DP&L stating that they had received a request from a customer at 138 Kerney Street, requesting that a streetlight be placed on a pole at her driveway because the area is very dark. Mrs. Greene shared an email from DP&L in the weekly packet, which outlined several options and DP&L asked for the Mayor and Council's input before responding to the customer. After review and discussion, the Mayor and Council chose Option 3, which would include rotating the light on the pole at the end of Kerney Street.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society - Bart Johnson reported that Heritage Day will be held on October 19th from 10 am-4 pm. They will showcase local canneries and canning label and token collections. They will also host the former Delaware Secretary of Agriculture as a key speaker at 1 pm.

Mr. Johnson also reported that the Exetor house on Old Denton Road will be open for tours on October 19th from 2-4 pm.

Federalsburg Lions Club - The Federalsburg Lions Club will host a Pit Beef, Turkey or Pork Sandwich Sale on October 18th at the Federalsburg Fire House from 10 am until sold out.

Planning & Zoning Commission - Steve Bollinger reported that no meeting was held in September because there were no new/pending issues.

Public Comment

Ken Abner - Mr. Abner stated requested that any millings obtained from any upcoming road projects, be utilized in Chambers Park. There is an area adjacent to the Community Center and near the football field parking area that would benefit from additional millings.

Mr. Abner expressed concern regarding the Solar Panel project and the bidding process. Mr. Mayer stated that Rauch & Associates, Town Engineer properly advertised the bids for the Solar Panel Project based on State requirements and the timeframe outlined by the State of Maryland.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor - Nothing at this time

Councilmember Sewell - Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Morean - Councilmember Morean is working on list of streetlights that need repair and he will submit the list by next week.

Councilmember Phillips - Councilmember Phillips thanked Chuck Planner and Steve Bollinger for their many years of work and support.

Mayor Abner - Mayor Abner also thanked Chuck Planner and Steve Bollinger for all their hard work, and thanked the voters for their support and putting Federalsburg First.

Closed Session

Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney requested a closed session to offer legal advice regarding ongoing litigation. Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to go into closed session at 6:35 pm to obtain legal advice regarding ongoing litigation.

Adjournment

Reconvene at 6:58 pm.

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to authorize Lyndsey Ryan to proceed with negotiations with former employees as discussed.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer