

**Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2020 @ 6:00 pm**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 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 5:44 pm.

Announcement of Closed Session

Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to go into closed session at 5:44 pm to discuss contract negotiations.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to accept the proposed personnel contract as discussed in closed session.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Stanford Ricks 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 presented.

Historical Moment

Mr. Bart Johnson extended an invitation to the CRMS Students present for the Hobby Fair on Saturday, April 25th.

Mr. Johnson also stated that the first Historical Society Meeting was held in February 2002 and approximately 20 people attended.

Guests

Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director of LGIT - Mr. Ailsworth presented the Town with a training grant for \$5,000 toward Axon Body & Support Systems for new body cameras for the Police Department.

Steve Bollinger - Mr. Bollinger requested permission to hold a wedding at the Chambers Lake peninsula, where the picnic tables are located. His granddaughter is getting married and they would like to have it there. They will handle cleanup of the area. He stated that there would be no more than about 80 people present. He stated that parking would not be an issue and they would not block any roadways. Councilmember Morean made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving Mr. Bollinger's request to hold a wedding at the Chambers Park peninsula.

Lynn Keckler, His Hope Ministries - Ms. Keckler introduced herself and Mr. Lowes Knight. They shared a brief summary about their organization, and the services they provide to the community. They offer homeless shelter, prevention and housing stabilization support and services to people living in Caroline County and the entire region.

Cheryl Beulah, Living Waters Assembly - Ms. Beulah is requesting permission to park a mobile food bus in the municipal parking lot on Morris Avenue for about 3 hours, one day per month. This is a pilot program that the Maryland Food Bank would like to test for approximately 6 months. She hopes to begin this project April 1st. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to allow the Maryland Food Bank to use the town's parking lot for their mobile food bus.

Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero authorizing permission to the Maryland Food Bank to park the mobile food bus in the Town parking lot one afternoon per month.

Roy Geiser, Trice Geary & Myers - Mr. Geiser gave a brief summary of the Town's 2019 Fiscal Year Audit and reviewed various points of interest for the Mayor and Council. Overall the Town received the highest possible score for a municipal government.

CRMS Students, First Lego League - Mr. Rob Honer and approximately 10 students from Colonel Richardson Middle School and their parents were present to share information about the Lego League with the Mayor and Council, and some of their ideas and innovative solutions which they would like feedback from the Mayor and Council. The students also shared the robot and attachments that they have designed. The students are also currently working on a creative solution for homelessness, with suggestions for housing and necessary needs for rehabilitation and job searching capabilities.

The students are planning fundraisers to help raise the necessary funds, and Mayor Abner suggested searching for possible grants. Steve Bollinger invited the students to attend a Planning & Zoning meeting for any help.

Committee Reports

Federalsburg Historical Society - Mr. Bart Johnson reported that the Historical Society would hold their next annual membership meeting on February 11th, 2020 at 630 pm. They will hold their annual election of officers and Board of Directors at this meeting.

Federalsburg Lions Club - Councilmember Sewell reported that the Lions Club will again be hosting their Night at the Races event on March 28th, tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club Member. They will also again host the annual Comcast Cares Day in Chambers Park on May 2nd, more details to follow at a later date.

Planning & Zoning Commission - Steve Bollinger reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission has submitted notes regarding zoning changes to Lyndsey Ryan for review and comments. The Commission will hold a workshop on February 11th to discuss additional zoning changes.

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company - FVFC provided the Town with a listing of the 2020 Officers for approval. Councilmember Phillips made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving the 2020 Officers List for the Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Doug Ramey reported that the Chicken BBQ's would be starting again in April.

Public Comment(s)

Jim Thomas - resident of South University Avenue, reported that University Avenue has become a drag strip for many speeders daily. He requested and encouraged Chief McDermott to allow his officers to run radar in that area.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor - Councilmember Windsor questioned the status of removal of the cardboard dumpsters in the town parking lot. Chief McDermott reported that a letter has been sent requesting removal but no action has been taken to date. Chief McDermott will follow-up on this matter.

Councilmember Sewell - Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Phillips - Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Morean - Nothing at this time.

Mayor Abner - Mayor Abner again reported that the Comcast Cares Day would be held on May 2nd and more information will be shared as soon as its available.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Morean and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk-Treasurer