

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
MARCH 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All commissioners except Commissioner Stump were in attendance, as well as Town Engineer Strong and Town Attorney Gullo. Town Manager Yost was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Klobukowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 206 – Community Tree Ordinance

Wes Highfill raised questions regarding how this ordinance impacts private land owners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Poolesville Day Funding Request

Faith Ethridge, Chairperson of the Poolesville Day Committee was present to outline the success of the past Poolesville Day and the plans for the upcoming Poolesville Day and its financial needs. The request is for the continued support level of \$15,000.00. Additional funding will be required if the Commissioners desire to continue the additional stage location.

Commissioner Klobukowski gave an update on the MML Chapter meeting with the County Executive and the financial outlook and other pending issues for the County.

Commissioner Dickerson announced Community Workshops by Montgomery County Planning on the MARC train and future plans for the local stations. These will be on March 14, 15, and 16th.

Commissioner Halbrook reported that the second meeting on the Coalition which is being organized for the drug awareness. The group decided that this is a worthwhile effort and will continue to be pursued. It was well attended and the process of obtaining the federal grant will continue.

OPEN FORUM:

Patrick Ishii discussed his concern regarding traffic and safety in Poolesville, specifically certain school bus stops. Several dangerous areas were highlighted and areas of limited lighting.

Linda Bergofsky came to support the prior comments regarding traffic and safety. She believes that a full assessment is needed in a broad manner for all local roads – both Town, County and State Roads. She also indicated that she is an election judge and there is a need for County election judges. She asked the Town promote citizens becoming involved by being election judges.

Bob Roit asked if an after action review on the snow event has occurred. He was informed it is still being reviewed. He asked if such a review could be opened up to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Dickerson moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Klobukowski. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Award – Paint Interior Elevated Storage Tank

Town Engineer reported that this project has been planned for some time with funding being reserved to accomplish the project. He outlined the bidding process. Five bidders submitted, one of which was found ineligible as the bid did not address the addendum items. Several other bidders did not timely submit their bids. A letter dated March 1, 2016 from Nobis Engineering outlined the details and made recommendation to select Ionion Painting Inc. for 99,100.00. References were checked and Mr. Strong believes they are qualified for the job. He recommended carrying a budget of 125,000.00 for the job in the event that additional pitting is found and needs to be repaired. Commissioner Klobukowski made a motion to award the bid as recommended with a budget limit of \$125,000.00 as proposed. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 194- Zone Code Amendment

The Town Attorney gave an overview of the ordinance which will change the zoning code to exempt Town projects from the requirements of the zoning code. By unanimous consent, the Commissioner agreed to introduce this Ordinance and send the matter to the Planning Commission for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 001-16 No Parking Cattail Road

This Resolution addresses parking along Cattail regarding the parking issue near the elementary school. The matter was discussed and vetted by the Parks Board which recommended approval. Commissioner Halbrook made a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Grant Application – Poolesville Community Garden

The grant request for \$ which was made at the last meeting was presented for action. The Commissioner discussed the proposal with various viewpoints expressed. Commissioner Klobukowski believes that this was supposed to be a private community effort and should not be supported by the Town Government. Commissioner Halbrook believes that this area and activity is an asset for the community and needs to determine what is the proper use of tax money to help fund the endeavor. Commissioner Dickerson does not believe that the Town should cover the maintenance cost for this project. She does believe the garden adds to the community and the Town's Sustainable Maryland efforts. She believes that more effort should be made to raise fund from the community. The Town has a cap on its grant funding and she is concerned about this much money being put forth for one project. Commissioner Halbrook made a motion to award a one time grant of \$1,000.00 for this project. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Klobukowski opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Streetscape was discussed at the last planning commission meeting.

PARKS BOARD

Commissioner Halbrook stated the next meeting is Wednesday. Park Permit applications will be reviewed as well as a report from the Street Light Committee.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dickerson discussed the activities of the Events Committee. There will be a total of 9 events for the summer. The announcement card is being designed.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Commissioner Klobukowski indicated he has contacted all three local school regarding tree planting for the Tree City program. By the end of March a decision must be made as to the size and type of tree. A schedule will be made for the ceremonial plantings so that the Commissioners can attend on Arbor Day – April 29. He further announced that the County Council will have the

operating budget hearing which covers schools and libraries. There has been some community discussion regarding altering and extending the hours of library operation. In May the BOE will make a site visit to the Cluster School, which happens once every 3 years. There is discussion regarding the location and presentation and the role the Town can play in making the community a part of the process to discuss the new high school and other issues. An organization meeting for this will occur on March 22. The MML Chapter will meet with the County Council on March 17.

President Brown requested available dates for a budget work session. The date of April 2at 9 am was tentatively set.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Halbrook and seconded by Commissioner Klobukowski. Motion passed 4-0.