

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
May 6, 2019**

Call to Order:

Commissioner Klobukowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Brown, Dickerson, Radigan and Cook were in attendance as well as Town Engineer John Strong.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Klobukowski lead the pledge.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution 001-19 – Water & Sewer Rates

No citizens spoke. The record was closed.

Ordinance NO. 211 – FY20 Budget & Tax Rate

Bob Roit voiced concerns with the amount of expenditures in Accounts 570 and 580.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Councilman Andrew Friedson presented Certificates of Appreciations to several citizens.

Officer Bond of Montgomery County Police Department discussed the recent burglaries and that officers had apprehended two suspects one adult and one Juvenile. The manager of the Mexican restaurant shared her concerns regarding the break-in. Discussions continued regarding police presence for the business district.

Commissioner Klobukowski reported the following:

1. As you know, our District 15 delegation was invited to attend our 20 May meeting to discuss the 2019 Legislative Session, what happened/didn't happen, and what you expect to come back next year. We will also update them on our Fair Access Committee efforts for a Multi-Use Facility, as well as pick their collective brains on how we can bring it into being.

Senator Feldman and Delegates Dumais, Fraser-Hidalgo, and Qi have agreed to attend.

2. For those of you have not heard U.S. News & World Report released their annual national high school evaluation/ranking, which placed Walt Whitman High School first in the state and 93rd in the country and PHS came out 56th in the state and 2,380 in the county. MCPS, as well as us, believe there is a potential discrepancy in the data for some schools. They said the magazine did not have the full complement of data on some schools as part of the magazine's review and that the assessment is inaccurate. MCPS has reached out to the magazine and MD Department of Education to better understand the situation.

3. On 29 April, Link Hoewing, Commissioner Jim Brown and I met with the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, we provided them with a synopsis of our Fair Access efforts to date, a White Paper summary was and asked them for their support of our Fair Access Initiative. The Board's Chairman requested all board members to review the summary and information on our website before their 20 May meeting, at which time they may consider writing a letter endorsing our initiative.

On 30 April, Mr. Kevin Schramm/Fair Access Committee Chairman and I, briefed the PHS PTA on our Fair Access efforts to date.

On 1 May, members of the Fair Access Committee met with Montgomery County Recreation Department representatives at Kings View Middle School which has a collated Community Center.

Today, Link Hoewing, Fair Access PHS student committee member Ethan Groboski, and I met with Montgomery County Board of Education President Shebra Evans and Boardmember Dr. Judith Docca. We discussed our Fair Access Initiative, and PHS's KFI Evaluation/Assessment.

On the upside, they both were very supportive of putting PHS on the list for modernization. Dr. Docca specifically said "we will fight to put it on the list". They also were very interested in our story about the lack of services in the Western County. Board President Evans said, "Your story about the lack of access to nearby medical services is compelling". We tried to make very forceful case for collocation citing not only the county's own work on the issue but other examples that are working in the county. We also noted the lack of available land to build new facilities.

On the less positive side, they said more than once that "there are other schools in worse shape than PHS even though it has many problems." We should be aware in terms of our talking points that Board President Evans in particular reacted very strongly to the list of "red schools" and said that Carl Sandberg in particular serves special needs children and it was clear that politically, she feels it is more than justified to have it on the list. Any criticism or comparison PHS with Sandberg is a non-starter. She also said that Eastern and Rock Terrace is in very poor shape, much worse than PHS. They also said that the case for PHS is being heard.

Both BOE members made the standard comment that they can't control the budget and said that we needed to target the county council. They said the other agencies needed to come to the table. We informed them that we have been meeting Council members and with agency folks and described our meetings. It is important for BOE members to hear this for it makes it even easier for them to vote to put PHS on the list if they know there is county council support.

The long-awaited results of the MCPS's evaluation of all MCPS schools using their new Key Facility Indicators has been published on the MCPS website. It uses red, yellow, green dots to portray what their evaluation determined, Old part of PHS received the following:

Overall Red	Substructure Green	Structure and Shell Yellow
Interiors Yellow	Services Red	Equipment and Furnishings Red
Special Construction Yellow		

The new Science Building received Green in all the above categories.

I have created a combined spreadsheet of all the sheets on the MCPS website, and there is a one pager with the spreadsheet on one side and the MCPS Assessment pdf on the back. Additional copies are available in the Information Rack in our front office. I will be honest the two that concern me is the Substructure and Structure and Shell color assignments for they could be used to support the renovation of the existing school.

Data obtained about the condition of security systems will not be published due to safety concerns. ADA information will be added in the future. What was not provided was the words used to justify the assignment of each category.

5. I am preparing a letter for use by our Montgomery County Maryland Municipal League Chapter members to support our Fair Access Initiative.

6. There will be an MC MML Chapter meeting on 16 May at the Kentlands Mansion in Gaithersburg.

Commissioner Cook announced that on May 8th, Commissioners Brown, Klobukowski, and her would be attending the County Executive's Launch of Business Connect which is part of his 4Business: Benchmarking To Be The Best For Business to help the county attract new and retain existing businesses in the county. She also raised

concerns regarding the library not being upgraded and that she had taken a bus tour of various farms in the Ag. Reserve. She also participated in Arbor day and plantings that Preston and staff had done.

Commissioner Dickerson discussed the Library upgrades that have been postponed.

Commissioner Radigan reported on the HMD scavenger hunt and that two of the three teams still had openings

OPEN FORUM:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Cook motioned to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Commissioner Dickerson abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Engineer Strong Discussed all projects and that were under construction and status of upcoming projects we discussed dates for paving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Radigan reported next meeting scheduled for the 15th.

PARKS BOARD – Commissioner Cook reported that the Board revised the Parks Rules and Regulations.

EVENTS COMMITTEE – Commissioner Dickerson reported on the Springfest and Friday on the Commons meetings.

SCHOOL LIASON – Commissioner Klobukowski discussed upcoming meetings.

FAIR ACCESS – Commissioner Brown discussed upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 5 -0.