

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
February 1, 2021**

***** This meeting was conducted virtually through ZOOM with live time posting to YouTube. Notice of the meeting date, time and agenda were posted in advance, physically at the Town Hall and on the Town's Website. Prior to the start of the meeting, it was confirmed that the public could view the meeting on YouTube.**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance. Town Attorney Gullo and Town Manager Rivard were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISHPOOL LLC REQUEST FOR VILLAGE OVERLAY ZONING

President Cook gave an opening statement and Town Manager Rivard gave an overview of his staff report. Members of the applicant's team presented information pertaining to the project and answered questions of the Commissioners. After a lengthy presentation, President Cook opened the Public Hearing.

No public requested to speak nor submitted written testimony.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Reed, the Commissioner voted unanimously to keep the record over to receive written testimony and verbal comment address to the Town Hall, so as to be included in the official record of the matter, until noon on Friday, February 12, 2021. The matter will then be placed on the agenda for discussion and decision by the Commissioners at their February 15, 2021 meeting.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Cook gave an update on the pending issue regarding youth bullying in the park.

Commissioner Radigan stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be on February 10, 2021.

Commissioner Reed gave an update on the Sustainable Poolesville Committee which included information on the Montgomery County Climate Report; potential for a Poolesville Carbon Footprint study opportunity; recycling details; the request that an appropriate channel for the committee to share information with the public be created; and that the committee be included in the upcoming Master Planning process.

Commissioner Brown reported on the status of the White's Ferry matter indicating that it does not look hopeful a deal will be reached between the parties. Further, that while the State and County are engaged in this matter, more needs to be done to pressure the Virginia officials to intercede in the matter. He also gave an update on the Fair Access Committee and their efforts relating to Poolesville High School indicating that the major issue at this time is the new gym or rotation/addition to the current gym. This is critical and is a funding issue in the magnitude of 5-10 million dollars.

Commissioner Eck gave an update on the Parks Board meeting and indicated that he also participated in the MML Chapter meeting; the MCM Cable meeting; and a canal towns tour.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of January 9, 2021, Closed Session January 19, 2021 and Special Called Meeting January 21, 2021 were approved by motion of Commissioner Eck, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and passed 5-0.

The Bond Release for Wootton Woods was approved by motion of Commissioner Eck, seconded by Commissioner Radigan, and passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Zucker -Tiemann offered public comment regarding personnel matters concerning the Town Manager. She indicated that she would share these comments in writing with the Commissioners.

Based on these comments, Commissioner Eck made a motion that a Closed Session be held at a future date, to be determined by email correspondence, so that he could present information he had on this subject. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 5-0. (NOTE this vote was not a vote to go into closed session for discussion but to obtain consensus from the Commissioner that a closed session should be scheduled.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Covid

Town Manager Rivard gave an update on the number of Covid matter and indicated that Town Hall is still closed to the public.

2. Water Tower Painting

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed various proposals and options for lettering and painting. With the choices narrowed down, Town Manager Rivard was instructed to construct a survey to allow input for the public to comment on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bodmer Park to Halmos Park Naming

After discussion on the matter, the Board indicated that the matter should be referred to the Parks Board for a recommendation on the matter included the proposed name.

2. Bates Trash/Recycling Contract Extension

Town Manager Rivard gave an update on the request by Bates Trash to extend their current contract with the Town for an additional year. The current contract is set to expire in 2022. With the extension the prices will be fixed until 2023. Commissioner Eck made a motion to approve the extension. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Rivard gave an update on the pending issues in Town including the repairs at Well 5 and 6; a letter of intent for the for the Historic District Signs; the submission of the Street Light grant request; and a vacancy on the Sustainable Poolesville Committee.

Commissioner Radigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed and carried 5-0.

A full video of the meeting can be viewed at Youtube.com, search Poolesville, Town Commission meeting.