

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
February 7, 2022**

***** 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, on the Town's Website, and on social media. Prior to the start of the meeting, it was confirmed that the public could view the meeting on YouTube.**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Town Manager Yost, Town Engineer Strong and Town Attorney Gullo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Eck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Commissioner Eck gave an update on the mask/covid test distribution efforts and the distribution plan going forward.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Cook reported that the Events Committee will hold the Springfest meeting on February 10.

Commissioner Radigan had no report, the next Planning Commission meeting is February 16.

Commissioner Reed introduced a guest, Joyce Breiner, who gave an overview and requested that the Town support and endorse the EV Purchasing Co-Op Program.

Commissioner Eck had no report from the Parks Board.

President Brown have an update on the Fair Access Committee indicating that the County Executive's Budget contains the allocation for the PHS project in the amount of \$83 million. He also informed that the County CIP will be amended to increase the allocation amount by \$30 million so that the PHS project will have the adequate gym and other facilities as has been requested by the Fair Access group. President Brown reported that the Kickoff for the Homes for Troops was a success with the Poolesville Community donating cash/in-kind donations of \$70,000. Finally, he gave an update on the planned forums for County Executive and County Council which are being organized by the Fair Access Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Eck made a motion to approve the January 18, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Eck made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Cook abstaining.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Award of Contract for WWTP Denitrification System.

Town Engineer Strong gave the background on the matter and an overview of the proposed contract. He explained that the project would be funded by a grant from MDE in the amount of \$7,032,550.00. Commissioner Eck made a motion to proceed with the award of the project in the stated amount. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Yost announced that Town Hall was open for business as of 2/1. Committees can now meet in person. There is a plan to update the technology in order to allow for hybrid (participants being virtual and in person) meetings.

Mr. Yost gave an update on the plan to re-vamp the Town's website. There are capabilities that are not being utilized and the planned renovation will keep the website current and more useful.

Finally, Mr. Yost gave an update on the PFAs Class Action lawsuit which was briefed several months ago by the Town Attorney. He gave the background on the matter and outlined the proposal given by the Town Attorney for the Town of Poolesville to join the suit. There is no cost unless there is a recovery and then the costs are paid out of the recovery. Commissioner Radigan made a motion for the Town to join the lawsuit; hire the nationwide law firm of Baron and Budds as proposed by the Town Attorney; and adopt the representation agreement for the Town Attorney in this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Eck. Motion carried 5-0.

President Brown announced that pursuant to the Maryland Opening Meeting Act, the Commissioners are going to adjourn this meeting and convene to perform administrative functions pursuant to the terms of the Act. The subject matter related thereto is to review employee feedback survey summaries, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the Open Meeting Act.

Motion to adjourn passed 5-0.

A full video of the meeting can be viewed at [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search Poolesville, Commissioners