

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
February 18, 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, 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 Cook called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance. Town Manager Rivard was in attendance. Town Attorney Gullo joined prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Cook gave an update on the Montgomery Chapter MML meeting which included discussion with the County Executive about the Covid-19 vaccine schedule. She also gave an update on the White's Ferry sale.

Commissioner Radigan reported that the Planning Commission tabled the Bricken Property proposal until information on the water/sewer capacity issues could be finalized.

Commissioner Reed said the next Sustainable Poolesville Meeting was on February 24.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Fair Access Committee is now focusing on a Wellness Center as part of the PHS project.

Commissioner Eck gave an update on the Parks Board meeting indicating the Parks Board declined not to move forward with the re-naming of the Bodmer Entrance to the Park and will be holding the "Taylor Park" name until a more centrally located park is developed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes to the February 1, 2021 meeting and the February 8, 2021 closed session were approved by motion of Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present to offer comment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Willard Subdivision – Village Overlay Request

The Town Manager had distributed a chart of the public response to this matter as part of the public record. After discussing various aspects of these comments, Commissioner Radigan made a motion to return the plan to the Planning Commission for further refinement consistent with the public comment. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Radigan also expressed his thoughts that the Town should hire a third-party to do a water/sewer audit to be the final clarification on the capacity issue. He also thought the Town should hire an HR consultant to create needed HR policies.

NEW BUSINESS

1. HB 996 – Healthy Food Act

The Commissioners discussed this Bill which the local delegate is sponsoring in the Maryland General Assembly and the positive effective it could have on a “food desert” like Poolesville in obtaining a grocery store. Commissioner Radigan made a motion to support this legislation, which was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 5-0. President Cook will be testifying on this Bill before the General Assembly.

Commissioner Radigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed and carried 5-0.

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

- [] 11. To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- [] 12. To conduct or discuss and investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- [] 13. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- [] 14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

D. TOPICS DISCUSSED: (This may be referenced to the citation of authority listed above if further explanation would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting)

Discussion of questionnaire form to be used in Town Manager 360 Review

E. PERSONS PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: (If listing an individual as present would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting, do not list the name but note that an individual was not listed for this reason).

All outlined above, Town Attorney Gullo

F. ACTIONS TAKEN AT CLOSED SESSION:

By consensus of the members the 360 Review questionnaire was approved.

No other actions were taken.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion passed 5-0.