

MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
February 22, 2022

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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, and virtually, Town Engineer Strong.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Eck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Commissioner Eck thanked the volunteers for assisting with the mask/covid test distribution efforts and WUMCO for delivering.

President Brown and Commissioner Eck shared condolences to the Taylor family for the passing of his daughter Jannette.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Cook reported that the Events Committee will hold the Springfest meeting next month, Springfest would occur on May 21, and Poolesville Day, September 17.

Commissioner Radigan provided a brief on the February 16 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Reed reported on the Sustainable Poolesville meeting and the Solar Co-Op Program.

President Brown gave an update on the Fair Access Committee and a future meeting with Councilmember Albornoz to discuss wellness/community center, environmental/sustainability for the High School and the May 22, candidate's forum. He also discussed the Whites Ferry position paper.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Eck made a motion to approve the February 7, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Commissioner Eck announced MML's legislative priority bill to remove the FY 2024 sunset provision and reinstate full funding of Highway User Revenues, Senate Bill 726, sponsored by Senator Cory McCray is cross-file, House Bill 1187, sponsored by Delegate Carl Anderton. The Commissioners agreed to write a letter of support.

New Business

PHS Post Prom Request

Lynn Schaeber, Funding Coordinator virtually joined the meeting. She made her request for \$2,500 for the Post Prom event. The Commissioners agreed.

Bates Trucking 5.8% CPI-U increase Request

Town Manager Yost provided a summary of the request and a detail analysis of 2017 bidding prices relative to today's industry costs. Commissioner Radigan motioned to approve the 5.8% increase, seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

HR Capacity Study/Employee Compensation Discussion

Consultant Tony Tomasello presented a power point slides. (Attached to agenda)

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Yost reported on the following:

MEA Grants - \$30,000 contract with Green Turnkey to develop a nano grid feasibility study.

\$24, 000 was covered by a grant and the Town contributes \$6,000. The Study has switched to a solar array on Hoewing park and then use the virtual metering law to offset the streetlight electric bill.

Town Requirements

To receive the grant funding, the Town must adopt 2 of the 3 policies:

To reduce conventional centralized electricity generation serving local government buildings by meeting 20 percent of those buildings' electricity demand with distributed, renewable energy generation by 2022. **Current Solar Array meets this requirement**

To reduce on-road vehicle petroleum consumption by Poolesville's fleet vehicles by 20% within five years of the established baseline year

To establish the goal of reducing per-square-foot electricity consumption by 15 percent relative to the baseline within 5 years of the baseline year **Streetlight conversion to LED.**

Energy efficiency policies – Next meeting, still have a few items to iron out.

EV Purchasing COOP – Next Meeting

Budget Worksession – March

I & I Work – Will be commencing end of this month – install of clean-outs

HR – Had a very productive meeting with Antisha from MMC HR Consulting about all these reports coming in and some recommendations moving forward. They will be part of our discussions. I have also been able to meet with indivual departments and had great dialogue about the employee surveys and root causes of their concerns, which will be part of our future discussions and recommended actions.

Outdoor summer camp – Cathy has reached out to Montgomery County and other local outdoor camps. Everyone moving forward using CDC and Montgomery County Covid guidelines.

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