

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE

March 7, 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 (Ed Reed virtually) as well as Town Engineer John Strong, Town Manager Wade Yost, and virtually, Town Attorney Jay Gullo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Eck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Commissioner Cook Discussed the approval of the Tax Duplication Bill and thanked many of the mayors involved. She also discussed the Senate Bill 376 Streetlight Procurement.

Commissioner Radigan discussed the Calleva ribbon cutting ceremony, tour of Locals and David Blair being opposed to a bridge crossing.

Commissioner Reed recognized Link Hoewing for his Fair Access advocacy.

Commissioner Eck discussed the Ukrainian relief efforts. He thanked JK Moving for donating 1,000 boxes. He also announced the March 18, 4:00 PM Heather Soskin Studio ribbon cutting.

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Eck discussed the upcoming Parks Board agenda

Commissioner Cook reported that the Events Committee has continued to event plan and that UPN will be holding Friday the 13th Untamed on May 13.

Commissioner Radigan announced the next meeting would be on March 16 and the would be discussing the Comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Reed reported that Joyce would be presenting the Solar Co-Op and E.V. CO-OP programs.

President Brown gave an update on the Fair Access Committee, April 28th County Council candidates forum and the May 22 County Executives candidates forum.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Electrical Vehicle CO-OP

Sustainable Poolesville member Joyce Breiner presented the CO-OP Program and requested that the Town partner in advertising and promoting. Commissioner Reed motioned to support the program. Seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion carries 5-0.

Energy Policies

Manager Yost presented an Energy Efficiency Policy and a Renewable Energy Policy as part of an accepted energy renewable grant. After a discussion, Commissioner Radigan motioned to adopt the Renewable Energy policy. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carries 5-0. Commissioner Radigan motioned to approve the Energy Efficiency policy. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business

Solar CO-OP

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Poolesville Day Budget Request

Poolesville Day Chairman Kevin Schramm presented the budget and requested a \$25,000 donation from the Town.

Summer Camp Fees

Town Manager Yost provided a summary of costs and fees, which result in a deficit. After a lengthy discussion, no decision was made, and the subject will be discussed during the scheduled budget work session.

UMCVFD Fireworks Budget Request

Commissioner Eck presented the \$13,500 request.

Town Hall Staffing

The Commissioners discussed the Assistant Manager position, which will be filled this year. Ongoing discussion regarding if more office staff was needed ensued. Manager Yost was tasked with contacting the HR consulting firm and see if and what capacity studies have been completed.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Yost reported that the Stoney Springs well pump had to be replaced. He also discussed a new program for low-income water bill assistance was now available to residents. WUMCO was notified of the program, and it was posted on the Town's website.

He also announced the budget timeline as follows: Make Budget & Tax Rate Available to Public on March 21, Public Hearing April 4th, adopt Budget and Tax rate – April 18th. Water rates would also follow the same timeline

Adjournment

Commissioner Radigan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Motion carries 5-0

A full video of the meeting can be viewed at YouTube. Com, search Poolesville, Commission