

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
April 19, 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 7:05 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance. Town Consultant Yost, Acting Town Manager Evans and Town Attorney Gullo were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Cook gave an update from the Events Committee that Spring and Summer events have not yet been organized, although the Drive-in Movies and Farmers Market have been well attended. She also indicated that she participated in the Canal Town meeting; the Upcounty Task Force; the MOCO MML Chapter meeting with the County; the Poolesville PTA; and the Economic Development Committee. She also gave an update on the status of White's Ferry and her meeting with the Mayor of Washington Grove.

Commissioner Radigan reported that the last Planning Commission meeting was a joint meeting with the Commissioners regarding the Sewer Capacity issue.

Commissioner Reed gave a reported on the Sustainable Poolesville Committee and the Solar Co-Op which will have informational Webinar on 4/29 at 7:30 and 5/20 at Noon. He also reported that the 8th Annual MC Energy Summit will occur May 4 through May 6 and registration information can be found at mcenergysummit.org.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Fair Access Committee has begun its "muster" campaign to the County Councilmembers regarding the needs for an enlarged gym and wellness center. The committee has also begun discussions with Wellness Providers.

Commissioner Eck indicated that the Parks Board meet to discuss the speed humps on Hughes Road; the turn lane on Tom Fox Avenue; the Bike Rack proposal, which is to be re-bid; potential idea for bike rentals; Skate Park repainting; stocking fish in the stormwater management pond; and covid concerns at the Farmer Market.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes to the April 5, 2021 were approved by motion of Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Radigan, passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public requested to comment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Human Resource Firm – Overview of Types of Services

Ms. Dru Davis was present on behalf of Bambee HR, a California based company which does HR outsourcing. She outlined the services that her company provides and the services that it doesn't. The Commissioners engaged in questions and answers regarding the subject.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of FY 22 Budget

Consultant Wade Yost presented slides outlining the specific details of the proposed budget. The tax rate is proposed to remain at the constant yield rate and the water/sewer rates are to increase by 2% pursuant to the requirements in the Town Code. The Budget Ordinance No. 218 was then introduced. By motion of Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Eck the public hearing on the Budget Ordinance will be held on May 3, 2021 via zoom.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Acting Manager Evans indicated that the status of the American Recovery Act funds is still unknown.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding the Outsourcing to an HR firm lead to a motion by Commission Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Reed to direct staff to prepare an RFP for an HR Consultant. Each member gave their input as to what requirements should be included in the RFP. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Eck made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Radigan and carried 5-0.

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