

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
May 4, 2020**

***** 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 except for Commissioner Brown were in attendance. Town Attorney Gullo and Town Manager Rivard were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Cook gave information indicating the food pick up locations have been successfully moved. She indicated that she has worked with the County to improve the Beauty Spot so that it is clear what materials can be dumped and better information the community through their website. President Cook gave an update on the business videos and indicate more will occur to encourage people to support the small businesses. She expressed her thanks on behalf of the Town for the efforts being made by Saval Food and encouraged everyone to complete the census.

Commissioner Dickerson announced that no final decisions have been made regarding the PHS graduations and activities. She indicated that Ray Howing will be retiring from the WUMCO Board. Finally, she highlighted information from her conference call with State Officials regarding the Covid-19 situation.

Commissioner Klobukowski indicated that MML would be creating a website to coordinate Covid-19 information. He informed the group of the reimbursement issues for Covid-19 expenses for State, County and local governments. He gave an update on the call with the City Administrators regarding the issues of double taxation, services and other related issues. Finally, he stated that the Route 28 bridge now has 2 lanes open and is almost complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comment was received from George Coakley former Planning Commission Chairman concerning the perception of the Commissioners involvement in the Planning Commission decisions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Dickerson moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Radigan, Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Covid-19 Update

Town Manager Rivard gave an update on the Town's efforts related to the Covid-19 issue. He indicated that expenses are being tracked for MEMA/FEMA potential reimbursement and supplement the Commissioner's announcement with additional information.

Cancellation of Events

After much discussion and examination of a potential schedule to allow Maryland to reopen in the wake of the Covid-19 emergency it was decided that there was no path forward that such a gather would be allowed by July 4. Accordingly, the Commissioner indicated that funding for the fireworks from the Town would not be granted – especially due to the fact that a cancellation after Mid-May would subject the Fire Department to a substantial deposit loss.

The Commissioners also discussed the potential for the Town Summer Camp Program which is scheduled to begin on June 22. Again, given the timeline for reopening Maryland, the Commissioners decided such a date was unrealistic. They indicated that the camp will certainly be postpone from that date and a decision will be made on June 1 whether to cancel it.

The Commissioner also discussed the “post-prom” activity which will not occur since there is no problem. The PHS seniors are working on another potential activity for their class, but details are unknown at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

The Town Manager gave an update on services the Town is providing pursuant to the guidelines issued by the Governor. He also outlined a grant request being made to match 25% of the cost of a bathroom in Halmos Park; and a Safe Route to School Grant that would cover the cost of sidewalk repairs for certain areas to be tied into Westerly Grove. Finally, he reported that the sewerage flow meters which the Town purchase are working well and assisting the Town in the I/I assessment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Dickerson and seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion passed 4-0 8:32 pm.

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