

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE**  
**June 1, 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 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance. Town Attorney Gullo and Town Manager Rivard were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Cook highlighted the need for cooperation and community reliance during the troubling times. She acknowledged that today was the National Day of Remembrance for the victims of Covid-19. She requested a Moment of Silence while we remember those affected by Covid-19, the recent senseless violence, and the healing that needs to happen.

Commissioner Radigan gave an updated on the Historic Poolesville Signage issue and a potential grant opportunity from Heritage Montgomery for ½ cost of three (3) potential signs. This subject should be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner Klobukowski announced that he was re-elected as the President of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. He announced the new slate of officers. Finally, he indicated there was a conference call with the MML delegation regarding FEMA, MEMA and County Covid-19 funding as well as an additional call on tax duplication payments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Dickerson moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Klobukowski, Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of Ordinance 215 FY 21 Budget**

The Town Manager gave a brief overview of the budget and indicated that no further public comment or feedback had been received since the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Klobukowski raised the issue of reducing the expenditure for the grant manager due to the possible fiscal issues that may be experienced in the coming year. After discussion Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 215 as presented. Commissioner Radigan seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Klobukowski opposed.

**Nation Gun Violence Day Proclamation**

This subject was carried over from the prior meeting where the Town was requested to support and adopt this proposal. Since that time potential changes to the language of the proclamation have been drafted. President Cook read the proposed language into the record. Commissioner Brown indicated that while he certainly does not support gun violence, he does not believe this issue should be on the agenda or action taken as it is a political issue brought to the attention of the Commissioners by and outside group, not the residents of Poolesville, and he does not believe that the residents have expressed an opinion on the matter. A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson to adopt the proposed Proclamation which was read by President Cook. Commissioner Klobukowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brown opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Kettler Forlines Proposal regarding “Beauty Spot”

The Town Manager reviewed his staff report on this matter which recommended that the Town support the proposed letter to Montgomery County for changes at the Beauty Spot – specifically the beepers, lighting, and hours – however it was his recommendation that the hours be from 8 am to 4 pm. Mr. Kettler gave a briefing on the matter which indicated that the requested changes are to assist in making the adjoining lots of his development less impacted by the Beauty Spot activity. He also indicated that he is taking steps to get approved from the Town BZA on the construction of a 10’ fence and screening of the site from the adjoining lots. After discussion, the Commissioner agreed by consensus to redraft the letter and re-present for their approval.

### Covid-19 Update

Town Manager Rivard gave an update on the Town’s efforts related to the Covid-19 issue. He indicated that for the present time the Town Hall will remain closed for the protection of the employee. Curb side service has been offered to this point and such service has not affect the ability to deal with the public. He gave an overview of the steps that will need to be taken when Town Hall is eventually opened. Mr. Rivard stated that the Town Parks are now open, except for the restrooms, and that signs are posted that the play equipment is NOT cleaned thus it should be used at the citizens own risk. He indicated that as of June 15 all the Town Staff will be back into normal operation and that all Town regulations that would impact or restrict the outdoor services of restaurants will be stayed until further notice.

### Cancelation of Events

As part of the continued effort to determine the ability of the Town to hold events, the Town Manager indicated that all June events have been cancelled. July summer camp will also need to be cancelled for a variety of reasons (safety, logistics, staffing, etc.). A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson and seconded by Commissioner Klobukowski to official cancel the summer camp program. Motion passed 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding July events on the Commons. It was agreed by consensus that the July events would be cancelled unless otherwise decided based on the circumstances.

### Recycling Costs – Bates Trucking

The Town Manager outlined the request by Bates Trucking to amend the trash hauling contract to increase the amount paid for recycling as the cost of recycling disposal has significantly increased. The fiscal impact would be approximately \$26,000 per year. The Town Manager explained this increase and the Town Attorney outlined the legal options related thereto. Mr. Rivard made a recommendation to split this cost increase 80/20 with Bates Trucking. Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to accept the Staff Recommendation which was seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion carried 5-0.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

The Town Manager indicated that June meetings will be held virtually and gave the meeting dates. He also indicated that the Zoning Text Amendments will have their public hearing at the next Commissioner meeting. He stated the Pickle Ball courts are almost complete just waiting on nets and that the Safe Routes to School Grant must be put on hold until a 30% engineering design can be completed per the program requirement and that Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will also begin to be held virtually in June. The Pickle Ball courts are almost complete, and the Zoning Text Amendment hearing will occur at the June 15 meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Brown indicated that the Fair Access Committee is pleased to report that the MCPS Budget was approved with funding for a replacement PHS. Now the task will be to ensure the project stays in the approved budget. He indicated that this was a monumental success based on the hard work of the team and community support.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Klobukowski and seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion passed 5-0 9:05 pm.

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