

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
June 15, 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:

President Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 213 AND ORDINANCE 214

President Cook read a statement regarding the public hearing and the contents of the record. The Town Manager gave a brief background on the matter. The Town Attorney gave the parameters of the public hearing in that comment should be received and deliberation on the matter should be delayed until a future meeting as is customary for the Board.

The following individuals made statements at the Public Hearing:

Staci Sibling, attorney for Jay Donegan
Carolyn Taylor on behalf of Montgomery Countryside Alliance
Dennis Conley
Tom Kettler

Based on the comments received the Commissioners requested that a Closed Session to obtain advice from Counsel be scheduled on July 23, 2020 at 7 pm and that this session be held in person at the Town Hall.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Cook reported on Poolesville Green and the Town Center grant status. She also highlighted new businesses that had moved to Poolesville. Finally, she gave a report on the demonstration/march which was held in Town stating it was peaceful and meaningful.

Commissioner Dickerson made the announcement on behalf of the Poolesville Day Committee that Poolesville Day 2020 has been cancelled.

Commissioner Brown made comments regarding the demonstration/march stating it was very Poolesvillecentric heartwarming and thought provoking.

Commissioner Klobukowski announced that instead of fireworks on the 4th of July there will be a Flag interment ceremony. He also gave an update on the Covid funding status and elaborated on his reasons for voting against the Budget in a prior session, reiterating that it was related to the use of funds for a grant consultant during the fiscally tight times.

Commissioner Radigan stated that Poolesville will be featured in a magazine article with a story about daytrips that can be taken and activities that can be done in the area.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Klobukowski to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Radigan. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson to adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment:

Carolyn Taylor commended the Commissioners on their Statement and outlined issues related to the Zero Waste Taskforce as related to the Beauty Spot and Commissioner action pending related thereto.

Old Business

1. Kettler Forlines _ Letter regarding the “Beauty Spot”.
The Town Manager outlined the revisions made to the proposed letter regarding requested changes to the Beauty Spot consistent with the prior request of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson, seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept this letter. Motion carried 5-0. President Cook stated she would be putting the letter into her own words prior to sending and this was agreeable to the Board.

New Business

1. Covid Update
An update was given that the County has entered Phase 2 to allow gatherings up to 50 people outside; 1 for 200 sq feet inside. Town Hall will still be closed as citizen service is not affected and there is no need to adjust the policy at this time with the anticipation that Town Hall will open to the public on July 31. All Town Staff are back to work as of June 15 and have been provided with the necessary PPE and thermometer for AM temp check. The Town Manager outlined the practical procedures being used in the event a high temperature is noted. All parks are open with the exception of the restrooms.
2. Statement Supporting Diversity and Inclusion.
President Cook read the statement which was agreed upon by the Commissioners and adopted at the Special Meeting of June 9, 2020. Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to ratify the statement. Commissioner Radigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Report

The Town Manager reported that as previously indicated the Friday on the Commons activities have been cancelled unless otherwise noted. The Pickleball court nets will be up shortly. He also gave an update on the pending RFP related to the winery/grape crush facility – stating the County is focusing on the culinary arts, agricultural education and a community center aspect of the project. Mr. Rivard reported that the Highway User Revenue from the state is projected to remain stable.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:54 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Radigan, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:54 pm.

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