

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE
August 16, 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 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance. Town Consultant Yost, Town Engineer John Strong and Town Attorney Gullo were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Radigan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the Line of Duty Death of Battalion Chief Josh Laird of the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Cook gave an update on MCDOT's effort to institute a free ride program for seniors and disabled individuals. She indicated the Economic Development committee would be meeting to prepare for their presentation to the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Finally, President Cook gave an update on the White's Ferry matter and the public information meeting which will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Town Hall.

Commissioner Radigan reported on the last Planning Commission meeting and their recommendation regarding the hiring of a Consultant to assist with the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Reed stated that the next Sustainable Poolesville Committee is working on plans for Poolesville Day.

Commissioner Brown gave an update on the Fair Access Committee and the White's Ferry Forum. He gave an update on the upcoming redistricting by the County which will add new council representation for the area.

Commissioner Eck stated that at the next Parks Board meeting they will receive youth input regarding a potential expansion of the skate park. He also announced that various park permits were issued; officers were elected with Doug McKinney being President and Jeff McIntyre being vice president. Finally, the Board recommends that a plan be developed regarding speed humps on certain sections of Wootton Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes to the July 6, 2021 meeting; the June 6, 2021 Closed Meeting and the August 9, 2021 Closed Session were approved by motion of Commissioner Eck and seconded by Commissioner Radigan and passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A presentation was made by Dr. Amar Duggirala regarding possible precautions that could be taken to make Poolesville Day a safer event. Faith Etheridge was also present to give an update on the Poolesville Day planning in light of the current circumstances. The major issue at this point is manpower and the use of the Town Staff. Mr. Yost is currently working on a solution to this problem.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcement of Hiring of New Town Manager/ Ratification of Contract

The Commissioners announced that they had selected Tony Tomasello as the new Town Manager, giving his background and experience. He is scheduled to start work on August 30. By motion of Commissioner Eck, seconded by Commissioner Reed and a vote of 5-0 his employment agreement was ratified.

2. Comprehensive Plan Consultant Proposal Award

The results of the RFP for a consultant to assist with the Comprehensive Plan were given, with two proposals received from Mead & Hunt and Wallace Montgomery. Commissioner Radigan gave the recommendation of the Planning Commission to select Wallace Montgomery. After much discussion from the Commissioners, Commissioner Radigan made a motion to select Wallace Montgomery for the consultant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. Upon a vote, the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Eck opposed.

3. FY2021 Budget Close Out

Mr. Yost gave a detailed presentation regarding the FY 2021 close out information. Commissioner Radigan made a motion to adopt the Close Out information, motion was seconded by Commissioner Eck and upon a vote passed 5-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Yost gave an update on the current trash collection situation. The Town is aware that trash collection is being missed and the services of the current hauler are not meeting expectation. The situation is being examined and a solution is being sought

Commissioner Radigan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed and carried 5-0 at 9:00 pm.

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