

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE**  
**September 7, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All commissioners were in attendance. Town Manager Tomasello was also in attendance.

All Commissioners welcomed new Town Manager, Tony Tomasello.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Commissioner Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 approaching, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of its victims.

**TRASH CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Cook suggested that based on the number of complaints Town Hall is receiving it may be time to look at other options. Mr. Tomasello reported that Town Hall is receiving large numbers of complaints, and while Bates is experiencing a labor shortage, the most frustrating factor is the lack of communication from Bates. He also reported that the Town is in the last 9 months of the contract and that twice a week trash pickup and once a week recycling is a pretty high level of service and he suggested we send out a survey to residents on what their acceptable level of service would be.

**COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Cook reported that she attended the World Canals Conference. The Economic Development Committee met in August and discussed input for the Master Plan. Poolesville Day will take place on September 18, which will include a Covid vaccination clinic.

Commissioner Radigan had no report.

Commissioner Reed reported that the Sustainable Poolesville Committee made recommendations to the Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Fair Access Committee is working on the Poolesville Day Breakfast and that the County Executive will be there as well as several County Council members. He reported that the White's Ferry Forum was a success. He gave an update on the upcoming redistricting by the County.

Commissioner Eck reported that the Parks Board will meet tomorrow. He is working with the County to organize the Covid Vaccination Clinic for Poolesville Day.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting were approved by motion of Commissioner Eck and seconded by Commissioner Reed and passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Senior Center – Old Thrift Shop

The Poolesville Seniors are requesting use of the Old Thrift Shop for events, fundraising and storage. They received tacit approval for storage from the interim Town Manager. The Seniors will meet with Mr. Tomasello to discuss further options.

### 2. Discussion of Community Garden

Jennifer Freeman would like to start a Community Garden at Dr. Dillingham Park to help lower income residents and plans on putting out a survey to residents to gauge interest. Commissioner Brown suggested she create an organizational structure and proposal before going to the Parks Board.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Tomasello thanked the Commissioners for the warm welcome.

Public Works: Met with Parks & Streets Dept. who are busy preparing for Poolesville Day. The Electrical service was installed in front of Town Hall.

Library: County is projecting the end of the calendar year for refresh completion.

Fisher Avenue near Locals: John Strong could not be here tonight but is continuing to look at the jaywalking issue and will report back.

Trash Contract: Will work on resident survey and schedule Executive Session to obtain legal advice on trash issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Radigan made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eck and carried 5-0.

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