

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 12-4-18
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on January 8, 2019

There being a quorum, Mayor James Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Members Charles Bradsher, Tom Burke and Paul Simonetti were present. Victoria Shearer, Town Attorney was present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were three residents and four guests.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on November 13, 2018 were approved as submitted. The minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 27, 2018 were approved by Mayor Ruspi, Council Member Burke and Council Member Simonetti. Council Member Bradsher abstained.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of November 2018. Total Income for the month of November was \$51,285 including \$632 from the CIP. Major sources of income were: \$34,788 from Income Tax and \$10,486 from Real Property Taxes. Major Expenses for the month of November were \$8,405 for Legal Expenses, \$5,120 for Grounds Maintenance and \$5,000 for a Donation. Total Expenses for the month of November were \$30,654. Total Net Income for the month of November was \$20,631. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of November 2018, the fund balances for the General Fund was \$1,169,173 and \$171,296 for the CIP account. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for November 2018 was \$2,243,523 including \$903,054 from Fixed Assets.

Mayor Ruspi stated the \$5000 donation was made from the Town picnic proceeds.

Council Member Bradsher made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's report subject to audit. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Committee/Board Reports

Planning Commission: Eric Wenger, Chair, said the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at 7:30p.m.

New Business

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Resolution R-04-18: Mayor Ruspi stated the Town Council has had an opportunity to review the resolution regarding the denial of the request for reclassification of zoning at 7000 Brink Road. Town Attorney, Victoria Shearer attended the work session and is present tonight if Council Members have any questions.

Council Member Simonetti made a motion to approve Resolution R-04-18. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Lions Club Community Center: Jim Flood, Chairman of the Laytonsville Lions Club Foundation explained the Lions Club is exploring the feasibility of building a community center, to include a park and a playground for children with disabilities on the property north of the St Paul United Methodist Church parsonage. Mr. Flood said the Lions Club has formed a committee and they have met with individuals from St Paul as well as a builder and a project manager. Mr. Flood explained that work is ongoing and they are looking for the support of the Town Council. There was discussion about parking, liability coverage for a playground, the overall cost of maintaining the facility and zoning of the proposed property. Charles Kearse, Member of the Lions Club stated the Club is looking at the sustainability of the facility and the need for the Town Council to address the issue of zoning.

Maryland Mayors Association Winter Conference: Mayor Ruspi said the annual Maryland Mayors Association Winter Conference is being held on January 31 and February 1, 2019 in Annapolis. Mayor Ruspi asked any Council Member to notify the Clerk if they would like to attend.

Town Hall Kitchen Renovation: Mayor Ruspi reviewed the status of the remediation and repairs to the kitchen area. He said the contractor estimates the repairs will cost \$2000 to \$2500.

Old Business

Work Session: No work session is scheduled.

Tree Lighting: The annual tree lighting at the Town Hall will be held on December 7, 2018 at 7:00p.m.

January Council Meeting: The January Town Council Meeting will be rescheduled to January 8, 2019 at 7:30p.m. to avoid conflict with New Year's Day.

Camera and Television: Mayor Ruspi said the camera and television that have been on loan from Rich Benning at All Stage and Sound will be removed tomorrow. There was discussion about the experience for the audience and the cost of purchasing equipment.

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Council Member Simonetti said his concept was to share presentations more widely with the community. Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive said using this equipment may be of benefit if there is a large meeting but digitizing large maps is not helpful. Sheree Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive said she believes the equipment is not needed and will not engage the residents.

Residents Forum:

Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive said the lot the Lions Club is considering for the community center is zoned residential, R1, and various community uses are listed under special exceptions.

Adjournment: Council Member Bradsher made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson
Assistant Clerk
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Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling collection are scheduled on a Monday or Thursday holiday, the pick-up will occur on Tuesday or the following Monday. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2019:

For Monday, January 21, 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Pick up will be on January 22

For Monday, February 18, 2019 Presidents Day – Pick up will be on February 19

For Monday, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day – Pick up will be on May 28

For Thursday, July 4, 2019 Independence Day – Pick up will be on July 8

For Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day – Pick up will be on September 3

For Monday, November 11, 2019 Veterans Day – Pick up will be on November 12

For Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day – Pick up will be on December 2

In order to be picked up, mixed paper recyclable materials must be separated from other recyclable materials. Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick up. Yard waste should be placed in brown bags. Place all trash and recycling materials at the curb no later than 7:00am.

ATTN HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENTS: Exterior home repairs may qualify for Montgomery County tax credits. For more information contact the Historic District Commission.