Work Session Meeting minutes of the Town Council

 Work Session on February 23, 2021

As reviewed, approved and accepted by the Town Council on March 2, 2021

Mayor Ruspi opened the Work Session at 7:31 p.m. The meeting was held using video conferencing. Council Members Charles Bradsher, Tom Burke, Jim O’Hair and Amy Koval were present. Planning Commission Chair Eric Wenger and Historic District Commission Chair Charles Hendricks were present. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer were also present. One citizen was present.

Mayor Ruspi stated the work session is being held to discuss two topics, the proposed changes for the development on Lot 5 in the Rolling Ridge subdivision and snow removal costs and that decisions on these topics will not be made during this meeting.

Mayor Ruspi explained the owner of Lot 5 in the Rolling Ridge subdivision submitted a site development plan that differs from the plans previously approved by the Town Council thus the Council has the responsibility to approve any changes after receiving comments from the Historic District Commission. The Historic District Commission met on February 15, 2021 and the son of the owner of Lot 5, Dan Turetchi, was present. The meeting was held using video conferencing. Members of the Historic District Commission shared their opinions regarding the proposed plan with Mr. Turetchi. Charles Hendricks, Chair of the Historic District Commission was asked to review the recommendations that were provided to Mr. Turetchi during that meeting. Chair Hendricks stated the overall goal is to have a house that fits in with the historic Rolling Ridge house and that the members of the Historic District Commission had three areas of concern on the submitted site development plan; Palladian windows, Roman style columns and quoins. The Historic District Commission agreed to meet again on February 25, 2021 to review an amended site development plan which Mr. Turetchi offered to provide. To date, the amended site development plan has not been received and there was discussion about the possibility of rescheduling the public hearing currently scheduled for March 2, 2021.

Mayor Ruspi said costs to clear the Town sidewalks of snow and ice has increased and the Council has been provided a summary of these costs as well as information from Montgomery County.

There was discussion about the following considerations:

* Amending the snow removal contract
* Putting the snow removal contract out for bids from additional contractors
* Removing the clearing of sidewalks from the snow removal contract
* Modifying which Town sidewalks are in the snow removal contract
* The possibility of increasing taxes or a special surcharge

Mayor Ruspi stated additional information will be obtained prior to scheduling a public hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jackson

Assistant Clerk

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