Meeting minutes of Town Council on 10-6-15 As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on November 3, 2015

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:38 p.m. Council Members David Preusch, Jim Ruspi, Charles Bradsher and Larry Halvorson were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were present as were three residents. Mayor Prats reported that the NV Homes Hearing that was scheduled for this evening was cancelled.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting on September 1, 2015 were approved as submitted.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of September 2015. Total Income for the month of September was \$20,707 with \$12,991 coming from Municipal Tax Duplicate Payment and \$3,402 coming from Real Property Taxes. In the CIP Fund, \$10 was received from Interest Income and \$791 was received from Highway Income. Major expenses for the month of September 2015 were \$6,800 for Repairs and Maintenance, \$7,237 for Payroll Expenses and \$4,136 for Grounds Maintenance. Total Expenses for the month of September 2015 were \$29,698. General Net Income for the month of September 2015 was -\$8,990. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of September 2015, the fund balance for the general fund was \$1,040,292, for the CIP account, the balance was \$198,788 and the Fixed Assets were \$684,352. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for September 2015 was \$1,923,432.

Council Member Preusch made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2015 subject to audit. Council Member Halvorson seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.* 

#### Committees and Board Reports

Mayor's Update and Reports:

<u>Construction Update:</u> Mayor Prats reported that The Historic District Commission is working with the builder on Phase 3. Lots that abut to the Historic District need recommendations from that commission. There will be hearing next month on these models. Homes in Phase 2 will be not be addressed at this time due to work being done on the rotary with the State Highway Administration. On Warfield Road, Mayor Prats stated that there are only a few lots left.

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Work session: None scheduled.

<u>Gas Station Update:</u> Mayor Prats said that he met with the gas station owners and their legal representative. The gas station should be in operation soon. Mayor Prats is in the process of writing a memorandum of understanding so that there are regulations that the operators of the gas station must follow.

<u>Picnic Update:</u> Mayor Prats stated that the Annual Town Picnic held on September 19 was a success. He thanked everyone who was involved in making it happen especially Town Clerk, Charlene Dillingham. This year's citizen of the year was Eric Wenger.

Annexation update: The resolution is being worked on. Surveys need to be finalized.

### Old Business

New Business:

<u>Approval of Comprehensive Plan:</u> Eric Wenger, Chairman of the Planning Commission addressed that council regarding the status of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that a hearing was held on September 25, 2015 in which the Comprehensive Plan was accepted by the members of the Planning Commission. Even though there are some minor corrections to be made, he stated that it is a fully functional document and meets the state's requirements and protects the town.

Mayor Prats formally thanked the Planning Commission and everyone on the advisory board for the admirable job they had done in getting the document updated and ready to be accepted by the Town. He also thanked the Clerks for all the work they had done on editing the document. He stated that no one realizes all the work that the Clerks do on a day to day basis.

Council Member Ruspi made the motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan that was passed by the Planning Commission. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. Council Member Preusch abstained because he had worked on the document earlier. *Unanimously approved.* 

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<u>Mobley Farm Lighting:</u> Mayor Prats stated that Boyland Electric submitted a proposal to replace all lamp post heads with LED lights. The cost per head is \$275. Council Member Preusch inquired as to whether the price included photocells. Council Member Ruspi asked if the poles where ok and Mayor Prats responded that some poles may need to be painted. Council Member Preusch made the motion to approve the quote by Boyland Electric to replace the heads on the poles on Mobley Farm Drive for \$275 per head. Council Member Halvorson seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.* 

### Council Forum:

Council Member Ruspi reported that on Brink Road west of Route 124 PEPCO had been taking out trees. He also stated that the parking lot in the shopping center by 7-Eleven was torn up because the septic was being redone. Council Member Ruspi noted that the barbershop had changed ownership.

Council Member Bradsher recognized Cole Schneider who was in the audience and is working on his citizenship merit badge.

### Residents Forum:

Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive addressed the council and reported that the County Council passed the pesticide bill 52-14 and that it will go into effect January 1, 2018.

<u>Adjournment:</u> Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved*.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington Assistant Clerk October 6, 2015 Town Of Laytonsville Town Council Meeting Minutes 10-6-15

**Trash/Recycling Update** 

Please continue to separate recycling materials.

Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick-up.

Yard waste should be placed in brown bags.

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