

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 4-10-18

As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on May 1, 2018

There being a quorum, Vice-President Jim O’Hair called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:43 p.m. Council Members Charles Bradsher, Tom Burke, and Paul Simonetti were present. Mayor Ruspi was absent as he was recovering from recent surgery. The Treasurer and Clerk were also present. Two residents and one guest were also present.

The Clerk stated that Mayor Ruspi’s heart surgery had gone well and he was recovering well at home. He had been to the doctor the previous day and had received a positive report.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting that was held on March 6, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of March 2018. Total Income for the month of March was \$3,191 with \$1,115 coming from Interest Income and \$807 coming from Real Property Taxes. In the CIP fund, \$551 was Highway Income. Major Expenses for the month of March were \$3,285 for Payroll Expenses and \$3,133 for Waste Collection. The Total Expenses for the month of March 2018 were \$11,838. General Net Income for the month of March was -\$8,647. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of March 2018, the fund balances for the general fund was \$1,143,844 for the CIP account, the balance was \$146,888 and the fixed assets were \$903,054. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for March 2018 was \$2,193,787.

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

Committee/Board Reports

None

Old Business

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Goshen Enterprises proposal for Jones Pond Park: a revised proposal from Goshen Enterprises to do work at Jones Pond Park was presented which included additional details as requested in the March meeting. The proposal included three items. The first item is to cut back brush at the in fall and dam face of the pond to keep the town in compliance with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection regulations. The second is to re-seed an area on the side of the pond where no vegetation is growing to stabilize the area and prevent erosion. The third item is for pruning and trimming of the trees within the area that is mowed. He stated that the work was not to be done immediately. Council Member Simonetti made the motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Council Member Bradsher. *Unanimously approved.*

Safety Inspector: Charles Bradsher provided the safety inspection for the first quarter. The safety inspector for the second quarter will be Paul Simonetti.

**New Business:**

Memorial for Laura Turner: Mrs. Moira Stone, a former teacher at Laytonsville Elementary School (LES) informed the Council that several teachers had formed a committee to put a memorial together in remembrance of former LES principal, Laura Turner. Mrs. Turner was principal at LES from 1977-1997. She stated that they were looking at purchasing two garden benches and were working with the current principal, Mrs. Donna Sagona, to determine a location at the school. Mrs. Stone stated that they had approached the Laytonsville Woman's Club, Laytonsville Lions and may also be reaching out to the local businesses to help fund the memorial. She asked the Town to consider a donation. The committee is looking to dedicate the memorial in early June.

Election: The two candidates running for the two Town Council positions are Jim O'Hair and Charles Bradsher. The election will be May 7, 2018 from 3-8 pm.

Election judges: Council member Bradsher made the motion to appoint Joy Jackson, Sheree Wenger, Jill Ruspi, William Duvall, and Lisa Simonetti as election judges. *Unanimously approved.*

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Work session: A work session for April will be decided pending discussion with Mayor Ruspi regarding the budget.

Budget Ordinance and Employee Compensation Resolution: The budget ordinance and employee compensation resolution were introduced. It was stated that they would be further reviewed at a work session if scheduled.

Miller Park: There will be a public hearing on April 17 to discuss the proposed plans for Miller Park. The Parks and Trails task force will share their plans to date and seek input from the Council and residents. Council Member Burke asked if money had been allocated in the budget for maintenance of the park. The Treasurer responded that \$2,000 per year had been allocated.

Parade: Vice-President O’Hair stated that the parade is May 19. He asked the Council if they would serve as judges and they agreed. He also suggested that the Council think about a hat that they could wear.

Highway User Revenue: Vice-President O’Hair stated that Senator Craig Zucker had called to report that it was voted to increase the highway user revenues and Laytonsville should see about a \$3,000 increase.

Residents

Nothing to report.

Adjournment: Council Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Council Member Simonetti seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Dillingham  
Clerk  
April 10, 2018

**Trash/Recycling Update**

**When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday or Thursday holidays, the following day, Tuesday or Friday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2018:**

**For Monday, May 28, 2018, Memorial Day – Pick-up will be May 29**

**For Monday, September 3, 2018 Labor Day – Pick up will be September 4**

**For Thursday, November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving – Pick up will be November 23**

**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.