

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 6-6-17  
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on July 11, 2017

There being a quorum, Mayor Jim Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:35p.m. Council Members David Preusch, Charles Bradsher, Tom Burke and Jim O’Hair were present. The Clerk of the Court for Montgomery County, Barbara Meiklejohn was present. The Treasurer and Clerk and Council Member Elect Paul Simonetti were also present as were four residents.

Clerk of the Court, Barbara Meiklejohn, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Ruspi.

Minutes: The minutes of the Town Council meeting on May 2, 2017 were approved as submitted. The minutes of the budget hearing of May 2, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of May 2017. Total income for the month of May was \$6,005 with \$1,026 from Interest Income, and \$1,995 from Real Property Taxes. In the CIP Fund, \$49 was Interest Income. Major Expenses for the month of May 2017 were \$3,234 for Payroll Expenses, \$3,335 for Grounds Maintenance and \$2,968 for Waste Collection. The Total Expenses for the month of May were \$12,468. General Net Income for the month of May 2017 was (\$6,414). Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of May 2017, the fund balance for the general fund was \$1,062,817, for the CIP account, the balance was \$164,210 and the fixed assets were \$903,054. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for the month of May 2017 was \$2,130,081.

Council Member O’Hair made the motion to approve the May Treasurer’s report subject to audit. Council Member Preusch seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

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Old Business:

Income Tax forgiveness: Mayor Ruspi stated that the Governor had signed a bill in May to forgive repayment of \$360,000 erroneously given to Laytonsville due to errors made by the Comptroller.

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New Business

Montgomery Consulting Contract: Mayor Ruspi presented a contract from Doug Lohmeyer of Montgomery Consulting for planning and engineering services as needed by the Town. Mayor Ruspi stated that later in the meeting he would be recommending Mr. Lohmeyer to be the Town Planner as replacement for Mr. Stan Benning who had retired. Council Member Preusch made a motion to approve the contract subject to Montgomery Consulting being appointed as Town Planner. Council Member O’Hair seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Painting Town Hall: Mayor Ruspi stated that he had been in discussion with Andy Drouliskos of Androp Painting regarding restoration of the shutters on the Town Hall. The suggestion was made that the house be painted prior to the completion of the work on the shutters. Mayor Ruspi would like to get two bids for painting the entire Town hall exterior.

MML Hall of Fame: Mayor Ruspi stated that Council Member David Preusch would be inducted into the MML Hall of Fame for his 22 years of service to Laytonsville. Mayor Ruspi commented that this was a remarkable amount of service. The induction will take place at the MML Summer Conference in June.

Fedex drop off box: Mayor Ruspi introduced resident, Andi Tozzolli, of 6823 Warfield Road who is interested in the addition of a Fedex drop off box in town. Mayor Ruspi stated that he had visited the post office and they cannot handle overnight mailings and were not opposed to the Fedex box. Ms. Tozzolli stated that she would draw up a letter to see what interest there would be from other residents.

Appointments: Mayor Ruspi presented the following slate of appointments:

- i. Historic District Commission Appointments – Lisa Simonetti, Susan Philips, Andy Drouliskos
- ii. Planning Commission Appointments – Eric Wenger, Obed Pelligrino
- iii. BOA Appointments – Paul Foster, Mike Ryan, Ed Kearns
- iv. Council Vice-President: Jim O’Hair

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- v. Legal Counsel – Stanley D. Abrams, Esq
- vi. Engineer – Macris, Hendricks and Glascock and Robert H. Patton, Harris & Ruff & Associates
- vii. Audit Firm – Lindsey and Associates
- viii. Clerk – Charlene Dillingham
- ix. Assistant Clerk – Lisa Whittington
- x. Treasurer – Christine Wilkinson
- xi. Code Enforcement Officer – Mike Ryan
- xii. Reforestation Consultant – Benning & Associates
- xiii. Town Planner – Montgomery Consulting
- xiv. Tree Committee – Rod Fisher, Paul Foster, Eric Wenger

Council Member Preusch made a motion to accept appointments as presented. Council member Bradsher seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Residents Forum: Council Member Preusch asked about the lights on Mobley Farm Drive. Mayor Ruspi stated that the lights had been shipped the previous Friday and installation should be very soon. Mayor Ruspi also commented that there had been a dedication of the Little Free Library built by Eagle Scout, Cole Schneider on June 1.

Mayor Ruspi administered the oath of office to Council Member Tom Burke and Council Member elect Paul Simonetti who will begin their terms on July 1, 2017.

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Council Member O’Hair seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene K. Dillingham  
Clerk  
June 6, 2017

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**Trash/Recycling Update**

**When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday holidays, the following day, Tuesday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2017:**

**For Monday, May 29, Memorial Day - Pick-up will be May 30**

**For Monday, September 4, Labor Day – Pick-up will be September 5**

**For Monday, December 25, Christmas Day – Pick-up will be December 26**

**For Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year’s Day – Pick-up will be January 2**

**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.