

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2024

The Town Meeting for October 8, 2024, was called to order by Mayor Mark Hinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Councilmembers: Wayne Creadick, Jr., Mark Flynn, Robert Ziegler, and Lauren Vandergrift along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Open Meetings Act, I will be seeking a motion by Council to convene an Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding litigation.

Motion to approve September minutes as written by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne S. Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Public Comment: - No Comments from the public.

Public Presentations: - No Public Presentations

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Town Treasurer, Michelle gave the treasurer's report.

A copy of is on file for Public Review.

Deputy Report:

Town Deputy, Paul Graves, was absent. A copy is on file for the public to review.

MES-Water & Sewer Report:

Maryland Environmental Services (MES), Assistant Supervisor, Bob Barnhart sent over report. Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire went over the highlights of the report.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Notice has been posted for the Technology position. Closing date is October 11, 2024.
- Town Engineer is working on the Easterday Road sewer project.
- Municipal sidewalk maintenance – still in the works for engineer and staff to go out and look at the sidewalks.
- Spoke to homeowner at the lower part of Canada Hill about seeking a landscaper.
- Update on insurance claim. Property on Cedar Street reached out to adjuster at LGIT. Has received a quote from the contractor to start repair.

- Utility meter system is in place.
- Received an inquiry from the Frederick Bird Club for the Town to become a Bird City.
- SHA response to the I70 rest areas. We do not need to be at the meetings, will continue with emails.

Planning & Zoning Report:

Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, Brandon Boldgya gave the following report.

- Meadowridge Knoll – infrastructure issues, need to complete sidewalk and stormwater pond.
- Had 3 zoning violations, 1 application for a variance and 9 zoning certificate applications.
- Surveying for de-annexation, will send resolution over.

Committee Report:

Park and Recreation Committee:

Report was given by Councilmember Mark Flynn.

- Great Trolley Fest, well attended, well organized, and lots of fun activities.

Public Facilities Committee: Will be meeting on October 10, 2024, at 1PM

Public Relations Committee:

Report was given by Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift.

- Looking for new members.
- Had a table set up at the Trolley Fest. Met many residents and answered many questions.

Unfinished Business:

Harp Alley Improvements – Tree Removal Quotes:

Received 2 quotes for tree removal opt to return area to stable yard condition.

Motion we accept Antietam Tree and Turf for \$14,600.00 by Wayne Creadick, Jr. and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Infractions Ordinance 2024-12 – Mayor Hinkle summarized the ordinance.

Motion we approve ordinance 2024-12 Infractions Ordinance 2024-12 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 4 to 0.

GC District Building Size Ordinance 2024-13 – Mayor Hinkle summarized the ordinance.

Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya reviewed the sizes.

Motion we pass Ordinance 2024-13 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Utility Billing System Update: Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave an update.

- 1) 602 total
- 2) 96% read for meters that we have installed/replaced.
- 3) 10 commercial accounts.
- 4) 4 that needs excavation.
- 5) 5 notices sent out for scheduling new meter installation.

Kristin also spoke on current utility billing issues.

New Business:

Christmas Decoration Quotes - Received 2 quotes.

The King of Christmas

- 14-foot tree put up decorate with tree topper, take down and store. \$6,000.00 with a \$3,000.00 deposit.
- Christmas Decore – 12-foot tree, no guarantee for a tree topper. \$8,500.00 - \$6,500.00 – 3-year contract.

Motion we accept The King of Christ quote by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence – Received MDOT HUR Notice FY25 and FY26. Highway Users Agreement.

Housekeeping – Harp Park Tennis/Pickleball Court. Kristin noted that the cost for resurfacing and 2 coats of color and lining of court \$10,096.00.

Wayne Creadick, Jr. visited the White House and spoke with Deputy National Cyber Director Harry Wingo.

Lauren Vandergrift announced that there was still snowman left to buy. Veterans Day will be celebrated with donuts and coffee from 8AM to 10AM at Town Hall.

Councilmember Dan Long entered the meeting.

Julie Blake, Canada Hill Road resident spoke on the Town Deputy, trash company and numerous other issues around town.

Pursuant to State Government Article, §10-508(a) and Town Charter §206, in accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, I am seeking a motion to close the regular town meeting and move to executive session for the purpose of consulting with counsel for litigation.

A motion to close the regular meeting and go into Executive Session was made by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary