

Town of Myersville
Workshop Special Session
September 4, 2024

The Town Workshop Special Session for September 4, 2024, was called to order by Mayor Mark Hinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 administrative/personnel matter.

Those in attendance were Councilmembers: Wayne Creadick, Jr., Mark Flynn, Dan Long, and Lauren Vandergrift along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, and Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya.

Regulations of Vehicles – Towing Ordinance 2024-14 – This request was made by the Town Deputy, Paul Graves. There has been a vehicle that has been parked for an extended period in front of a residence in town. A placard has been placed on it by another Deputy. They cannot tow it since we do not have any ordinance in place to so.

After some discussion it was noted that an ordinance is need.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-14 was made by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to close Special Session was made by Wayne Creadick, Jr. and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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 workshop session and move to regular meeting for the purpose of consulting with staff and counsel for litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

Kathy Gaver
Town Council Secretary

September 10, 2024

The Public Hearing for September 10, 2024, was called to order by Mayor Mark Hinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Zoning Administration Duties Ordinance 2024-11- Mayor Hinkle reviewed the ordinance. Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya gave an update.

GC District Building Size Ordinance 2024-12 – Mayor Hinkle reviewed the ordinance. Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya gave an update and overview of the ordinance.

Mayor Hinkle opened the floor for questions and comments.

Martin McCarrick, Flintridge Drive resident talked about uses of general commercial.

Christina Schultz – Flintridge Drive resident spoke on research or studies to support high traffic safety impact fees and concern on shrunken parking spaces.

Motion was made to adjourn Public Hearing and move to Regular Town Meeting was made by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2024

The Town Meeting for September 10, 2024, was called to order by Mayor Mark Hinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve August minutes as written by Wayne Creadick, Jr. and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public Comments:

Dexter Thompkins, Meadowridge resident spoke on water bills clarifications. He received two (2) bills, one was corrected, and the second bill was hundred times more. Mayor Hinkle noted that with the new meter system dropped two (2) zeros (0). There was glitz in the system. Mayor Hinkle noted old meters slowed down over time.

Christina Schultz, Flintridge Drive resident spoke on the towing of vehicles. Do we have illegal parking in place. Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire noted that it is addressed in the code but no enforcement to have it towed is not noted.

Chris Neeley, Fox Rock Drive resident, spoke on water bills and on his past bill's usage. Mayor Hinkle noted for him to give Kristin a call and he would explain it.

Susan McCarrick, Flintridge Drive resident, spoke on minutes not posting which makes it hard to find out what is going on. Mayor Hinkle said that he will look into to see what the issue maybe. She also spoke on Canada Hill Road sidewalk de-annexation at \$9,500.00 to have it done. She noted it was a year ago that she was promised to have the sidewalk replaced. Marking of the crosswalk is nonexistence. Town is responsible for the safety of sidewalk. Wayne Creadick asked her if she approached the County on this. Mrs. McCarrick stated that they said it was all under litigation.

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, gave his town report. 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:

- Contractor has resumed the trail across from Doubs Meadow Park.
- Lightening for the trail or solar power. Will engage in future discussion.
- PFAS – Settlement, various levels at various times. We have gone through M and Dupont. Will use information on impact we had with issues and value. Would we like to stay in or opt out – it was noted we are good at remaining in.
- Obtained cost for insulation of Christmas tree which is slightly less. We usually do a 14 ft. tree. With first vendor no tree topper and we have no ability to order one. Second vendor has a 14 ft. tree with a top and they are slightly lower in cost. Tree will fit the pedestal that is there.
- Spoke with Deerwoods HOA representative about the extension of Young Nature Trail. A meeting has been set for October 15th at 7PM at Town Hall. Will be meeting with Engineer and will flag property for visual.

Planning & Zoning Report:

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

- DG Market is in a stay position.
- Quail Run – submit new master plan. Planning Commission issued comments.
- Bullivant Park – The additional parcel has been bought and is now owned by the Town.
- Doubs Park – going through process for additional plat.
- Zoning update – 1 complaint, 5 zoning certificates issued.
- DHCD sustainable – went through application. This is done every 5 years to renew certification.

Committee Report:

Park and Recreation Committee:

Councilmember Mark Flynn gave the following report:

- Working on Trolley Festival – October 5, 2024

Public Relations:

Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift gave the following report:

- There is an opening on the committee.
- Working to produce something for Veterans Day
- Would like to set up an idea table at the Harvest Festival.

Unfinished Business:

Zoning Administrator Duties Ordinance 2024-11 – Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance. Mayor Hinkle called for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve by Wayne Creadick, Jr. and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business:

Harp Alley Improvements – Tree Removal Quotes – Will be discussed at October's meeting.

IT Support Services Contract Award – Kristin Aleshire reviewed the options along with their bids.

Motion we go with CES with out additional cost \$19,500.00 by Dan Long and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion was made to introduce Infractions Ordinance 2024-12 by Wayne Creadick and second by Lauren Vandergrift. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion we introduce Ordinance 2024-13 by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

County Road Segment De-Annexation Survey Quote – Kristin reviewed.

Dan Long asked beyond de-annexation what is another direction to avoid cost. Wayne Creadick, Jr, noted that they have been at the meetings, and they could have spoken up., but they did not. Brandon Boldyga gave an estimate for the de-annexation. He is going to reach out for other estimates for surveyors. There has been de-annexation of the town in the pass. Brandon added that we can ask our legal counsel for Attorney Generals opinion. Wayne Creadick, Jr. noted to protect our citizens, it is a good road. They (County) said that they would sidewalks to help us out. I do not want us to absorb anymore expense.

Susan McCarrick, Flintridge Drive resident noted email from County to do various things to the road, striping, overlay, etc. It was noted slated bill never written just emailed.

Town asked for testing but received nothing.

Motion to approve quote to approve de-annexation by Dan Long and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 4 to 1 abstained – Lauren Vandergrift. Motion carried.

Dan Long asked if there is anything to do about the sidewalk. Kristin Aleshire noted we can do, County indicated we accept, they would include improvement in their CIP. County noted then not to do in upcoming schedule, which is no longer County issued. Town pulled out. Hard to separate both sidewalk issue is due to storm drains. Will have to confirm when storm drain was put in if it is our or not.

Utility Billing System Update – Kristin reviewed it with explanations. Robert Ziegler proposed to move the 3% increase to be moved to the January 2025 billing.

Regulations of Vehicles – Towing Ordinance 2024-14 – Mayor Hinkle summarized. Motion was made to approve Ordinance 2024-14 by Wayne Creadick, Jr. and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

MMC Security System Contract – Kristin Aleshire went over the contract. This would be for the key fob system and door access. Motion to have M.C.Dean to do the maintenance for the key fob system by Dan Long and second by Lauren Vandergrift. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Long and second by Lauren Vandergrift. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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