

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024

The Town Meeting for February 13, 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, Dan Long, Michelle Sweet and Robert Ziegler along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos.

Boards, Commissions, Committee Appointments:

Public Facilities – Joe Magnifico

Budget & CIP – Ryan Harshman, Joe Magnifico, Sheldon Shealer

Park N Recreations – Efiame Shapiro

Public Relations – Judy Ziegler

A motion for reappointment was made per listed by Wayne Creadick and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion to appoint Sheldon Shealer to Budget and CIP by Wayne Creadick and seconded by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion to approved January minutes as written by Robert Ziegler and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public Presentations:

Justin Clipp from Mountain Valley Baseball League was present and asked for a waiver for use of the baseball fields at Doubs Meadow Park and Harp Field. He has already spoken with Bob Ziegler about Valley Softball League playing at Harp Field.

Motion to waive Mountain Valley Baseball fees by Robert Ziegler and second by Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Lexi and Lily Bonar along with Charlotte Payer asked the Mayor and Council if they would waive the fees for Valley Softball for the use of Harp Field. They will be offering in-kind services of cleaning the pavilion, sweeping the sidewalk, and picking up trash. The services will be provided by fifty-eight girls in the area.

A motion to approve fee waiver for in kind services by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 4 to 1. Dan Long abstained.

**AMENDED AGENDA FOR:
PUBLIC HEARING:**

Treeland Annexation was dually advertised for our regular Town meeting.

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave an overview. Councilmember Wayne Creadick asked if boundary markers were in place. It was noted that when the survey of the land was done, yellow pins were put in place. They are registered with digital coordinates; however, they do attend to get buried. A marker could be put above ground. The boundary is on the other side of the creek. The record is open for 10 days for comment.

Staff Reports:

Treasurers Report:

Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos was out for the Treasurers report. Mayor Hinkle noted if you have any questions in contact with Michelle. A copy is on file for the public to review.

Deputy Report:

Town Deputy, Paul Graves gave the Deputies report. A copy is on file for the public to review.

Planning & Zoning Report:

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

- Quail Run – Resubmitted with 32-foot road. Preliminary plat, forest conversation. This was approved by the Planning Commission. For three (3) years they have eleven recorded lots. A total of ninety-nine remain.
- DG Market – Reviewed improvement plans, comments were returned to project engineer.

Zoning Report:

- 4 - Zoning violations – 2 resolved and two outstanding
- 4 – Zoning Certificates in January
- MS4 plantings – clear invasions, will need to get trees in the Spring. We have lost at least 50% of the trees that we planted last year.

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.

- The water ban has been lifted.
- On schedule with February 26, 2024, installation of new meters. Installation should only take 20 to 30 minutes.

Town Manager Report:

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave the following report:

- If the temperature is good, they will continue with work on Young Trail.
- Saberidge tot lot will start as soon as the weather allows.
- Had meeting with County Roads. Waiting to hear their response. Will discuss proper letter at March meeting.
- It appears that an organized soccer game was held during the weekend. This is in the flood plain/wet land. The turf cannot handle this kind of activity for that amount of play. The chain was put across the entrance, and it was posted closed. Discussion was held on keeping grounds closed until the end of March.
- Metzger Park – Went before the State DPW for approval. Once completed we will submit for reimbursement.
- Meadowridge Knoll. PWA reduction – will be meeting with engineer.
- Submitted application to MDE for revolving fund and grant fund for water/sewer project on Easterday sewer line, and Ashley PFAS upgrade.

Committee Reports:

Budget & CIP Committee:

Councilmember Dan Long gave the following report:

- They had meeting and their next meeting will be March 12, 2024. Waiting to have a meeting with Kristin.
- Dan asked if there is an interest if the Town would be interested in taking care of sidewalk repairs. This would be in place of the residents doing so. This will be put on next month's workshop to be discussed.

Public Facilities Committee:

- No Report.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Robert Zeigler gave the following report:

- The Time capsule ceremony will be held at Memorial Park on May 4, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Judy Zeck will do the opening along with Wayne Creadick being the speaker. The winner of the Martin Luther King, If I were Mayor contest at Myersville Elementary will put in the first scoop of dirt along with Mayor Hinkle.
- Memorial Day ceremony will happen from 9-9:30AM. Judy Zeck will read the names while Lois Kuhn will ring the hand bell after each name is read. Rick Milward bugler and Ms. Zumbum will sing the anthem.
- Plywood has been delivered to the high school for the shop students to cut out and sand. Sixty snowmen in total.

Unfinished Business:

Harp Alley (School Street) property – Kristin Aleshire went over the three (3) options that were spoken at the Town's workshop.

- Leave alley same as it exists with functions among the parties.
- Town assume ownership – formal ownership over the entire length of the alley.
- Town for go through formal action, forgo public right away as a public thruway.

Word from the workshop showed interest in the hybrid approach. The first lag be retained and formally accepted to be owned and maintained by the Town. Portion of it be diversified town interest divided up to abutting property owners.

Main Street to 9 Harp Place paved.

11-17 Harp Place quick claim property owns, town clears out trees as a courtesy clean.

Respective properties get property – town takes care of deeds. This would be strictly for Harp Place homeowners.

Kristin noted that the contractor was on site and the front half of Main Street to slop would be approximately \$30,000.00 paved condition. Back half \$5,000 to \$10,000.00. This includes taking out trees and vegetation. The cost for this would come out of the CIP budget.

Barbara Tolley, 13 Harp Place noted that a pipe runs through hers and the neighbor's property. They do not know those to whom this belongs. Councilmember Wayne Creadick noted that the Memorandum of Understanding is between the Town and each property owner. The pipe that

exists today Town does not own. Town has no responsibilities. Kristin noted that the piper, Town has public/private drainage infrastructure.

Councilmember Michelle Sweet stated that it is manageable to give property if we are cleaning it up. How do we decide on who gets what property? Councilmember Wayne Creadick noted that Deerwood's is not in this alley. The first right of refusal goes to Harp Place residents. Councilmember Mark Flynn added that clean up, the residents should take responsibility support as liability. Dan Long, Harp Place resident wanted clarification if it is already owned by property owners. Kristin noted that the Town has an interest in it as a Public Way. Brandon Boldyga, Town Planner added that property on Harp Place property owners do own it. Dan Long stated that their deeds say they are to maintain it. Kristin gave background on the original land/property. A resident of Harp Farm transferred it to each owner as they bought property. After some lengthy discussion, a motion was made.

Councilmember Wayne Creadick had the following motion that we move forward with hybrid approach to resolve this Schoolhouse Lane/Harp Place Alley issue such as the properties from Ian Street through and including 9 Harp Place. This would be designated as Town owned road structure to which we would pave, maintain on a go for basis for the equal enjoyment of those impacted from 11-19 Harp Place. Those designated areas that are part of the alley if you will would be relinquished by the Town. The Town would no longer have any interest as it has historically had or claimed in that section. The respective areas of each of those property owners be deeded that portion of land. Town would take care of deeds and go forth to correct that. And to encourage each homeowner in that area. We would do the minimum amount necessary to remove dead trees and things like that in nature. No landscaping job, just those that are redeemed to be at risk. Motion seconded by Robert Ziegler.

Kristin noted that staff would recommend the motion to be amended to include the condition of retaining any necessary easement for public service.

Della Hager, 4 Harp Place noted that the MOU from 1-9 Harp Place as far as trees in alley would they be taken down by the Town. It was noted that if there were any fence adjustments needed the Town would take care of that as well.

Councilmember Wayne Creadick noted his addendum to the motion under consideration to those properties that are relinquished that we include the condition of identifying and retaining necessary easements for public service. Motion carried 3 to 1. Michelle Sweet against, Dan Long abstained.

New Business:

ARRO PSA – Brethren Church Road Pump Station – Mayor Hinkle summarized the PSA. Motion we approve Arro PSA from Arro by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Motion carried 5 to 0.

Facility User Agreement Waiver Request – Girl Scout Troop 3700 would like to use the Community Room for a babysitting event on February 16, 2024. To raise money for their troop. Motion to waive fees for the Girl Scout by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Request from WMAA for waiver of fees for use of the soccer fields.
They secure the nets and line the fields as in-kind services.
After looking at the addendum it was suggested to rewrite it before finalizing it.
It was suggested to have them attend the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Utility Waiver Request – Did not meet requirements.

MDOT HUR Funding FY24/FY25 – updated information.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Talked about the new meter installation and the pros and cons that could happen.
Overcharged/Undercharged. It was suggested to think of what policy may be put into place.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Wayne Creadick and second by Mark Flynn.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary