

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2024

The Town Meeting for April 9, 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.

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

Public Comments:

Louna Parrish, a Meadowridge resident gave her opinion on the DG Market coming to town along with her dislikes and explanation for her opinion.

Victoria Thompson, a Walnut Street resident spoke on volunteerism and ways to get involved in the community.

Trey Adams, Myersville Rd/Business owner, spoke on local businesses and how they should stick together for the community.

Mayor Mark Hinkle then read the authority to convene in executive session:

In accordance with the provisions of the State Open Meetings Act, I will be seeking a motion by the Council to convene an Executive Session at the conclusion of the Housekeeping Period of the Agenda for the purpose of consulting with a personal matter.

Public Presentations:

"If were Mayor" Essay Winners: Naomi, Shay, & Rosalynne.

Naomi spoke on family, fun and food at the parks.

Rosalynn spoke on classes being held at the library.

Shay Adams spoke on having activities for the elderly at the Fire Hall.

Staff Reports:

Treasurers Report:

Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos gave the Treasurers Report.

Michelle Sweet asked if the legal fees were still over budget.

Michelle Ramos noted that it was \$13,000.00 for the specific hearing for the Planning Commission. The estimate currently is \$20,000.00 to 25, 000.00 total.

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:

- DG Market – developer is working towards finalizing easement agreements. They are working to address the Planning Commission comments prior to resubmittal of improvement plans and right of way dedication plat.
- One (1) formal complaint was received.
- Two (2) zoning violations were cited.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals Public hearing was held. Hearing to continue in April.
- Two (2) zoning certificates were issued.
- Treeland Foundation Property is on the agenda for annexation approval.
- Carter CAT Property – met with staff to explain the annexation process and expectations for connection to Town water and sewer utilities.

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.

Kristin noted that both valves were replaced at Deerwoods. He noted we have not heard back from the State for the grant for the Ashley plant. Met with MES and Arro at the Brethren Church pump station. They looked at items that needed to occur for the update on the system. He also spoke on the McDonalds pump station.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Received the annual request on interest of the Middletown Myersville Lions Club Golf Tournament. It was agreed upon to give 500.00 as was done in the past.
- Legal Counsel billing for the Planning Commission will be sent out.
- POS application has been submitted to the County. Looking for more information for project identification. We are looking to do a waterline replacement at the back of the town hall to Doubs. Estimated cost is \$40,000. To \$60,000.
- Received response from County Roads on transfer of Canada Hill Road. Will discuss in May.
- Reached out to other counties about how their towns manage their sidewalks. Every Town is different. Will discuss in May.
- Conducting work on the Meadowridge storm management.
- Kristin showed several charts on the boil water issue.

Committee Reports:

Budget & CIP Committee:

Councilmember Dan Long gave the following report:

- They held their meeting and were given a draft budget -Enterprise Fund.
- Will meet in 2 weeks for final copy of the budget.

Park and Recreation Committee:

Victoria Thompson gave the following report:

- Kids to Park Day – May 18, 2024
- Seed swap at library – May 18, 2024
- Doing a family school supply collection in August
- Botany Walks will be beginning.
- Working on Trolley Fest for October.
- Public Facilities Committee:

Public Facilities Committee:

Councilmember Mark Flynn noted that they have not met.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Robert Zeigler gave the following report:

- Time Capsule burial -
5:00 pm at Memorial Park with Judy Zeck doing opening remarks.
Guest speaker will be Councilman Creadick.
MYES 4th grade “If I was Mayor” essay contest contestant – Shay Adams
MYES Martin Luther King, Jr. award recipient, Sydney Serrano
Mayor Hinkle & Sydney Serrano, ceremonial shovel of dirt
Colt Choir – School Song “Learning to be the best we can be”
Mayor Hinkle – Closing

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2024-4 Glo Fiber Franchise Agreement - Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance. Motion we approved Ordinance 2024-4 Glo Fiber Franchise Agreement by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Zeigler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Resolution 2024-1 Treeland Annexation – May Hinkle summarized the Resolution. Motion we approve Resolution 2024-1 Treeland Annexation by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business:

ARRO PSA – Copper Lead Rule Report -Kristin reviewed. He noted that the Engineer completed his report and analyst.
Motion we approve Arro Copper Lead Rule Report by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARRO PSA – Deerwood WTP Upgrades Design – Kristin reviewed the update and noted that it be \$77,900. State \$87,000.00 secured to complete the design and upgrade.
Motion that we move forward by Mark Flynn and second by Michelle Sweet. Motion carried 5 to 0.

MS4-Myersville Drain Cleaning Contract Award – Drain Cleaning contract \$17,080.00.
Motion we approved Myersville Drain Cleaning Contract award by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long.
Brandon noted that we get credit for MS4 plus we are required to do this. This will be a different company than we had last year. That company left some of the drains filled because they did not have the proper equipment to lift the grates.
Motion then carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

MES FY25 Budget – Kristin reviewed and explained.

MES FY23 Annual Report – Brandon will post this on the website.

VEPO – Water Meter installation company. Notices were posted on the South end of town for those that have meters in their basement. Will repost again in 2 weeks to those that have not called in to schedule appointment.

Victoria Thompson spoke on an invasive cleanup on reducing the invasive growth.

Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift noted that she would like more information on the Kids to Park Day. For there wasn't anything detailed on the website or facebook for the community to know. Councilmember Mark Flynn noted that he would bring it up to the Parks and Recreation committee at their next meeting.

The subject of the agenda came up because some of the items on the agenda were not discussed. Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift asked if we could stick to the agenda as or amend it as necessary, so citizens are aware of the topics that were covered in the meeting.

Mayor Hinkle read the following:

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 staff on a personal issue.

Motion to close the regular town meeting and move into the executive session by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary

