

Myersville Mayor and Council
Public Hearing
May 14, 2024
Myersville FY25 Budget

Before the Public Hearing, Mayor Mark Hinkle swore in the Councilmembers, Dan Long and Lauren Vandergrift.

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

Mayor Hinkle called the Public Hearing to order.

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire noted that the Public Hearing was advertised. The hearing will be on budget FY25, which will also include the tax rates.

Kristin went through each fund, General Fund, Enterprise Fund, Capital Improvement and various tax rates. He then asked if there were any questions after each one was reviewed.

Lori Andrews, Michael Road resident asked about attorney fees. She noted that \$10,000. Was budgeted but has extended to \$30,000.00. She was wondering where the funds come from if it goes over. Budget committed has put \$22,000.00 in the budget and they feel comfortable with that. However, if necessary, we will find it somewhere else in the budget.

Councilmember Vandergrift asked about deductibles with LGIT. Kristin noted that it depends upon the issue. He gave example.

There were no other comments.

Mayor Hinkle closed the Public Hearing.

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024

The Town Meeting for May 14, 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, Lauren Vandergrift and Robert Ziegler along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner, Brandon Boldgya and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos.

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

Public Comments:

Craig and Patty Sullivan, Canada Hill Road residents brought an issue that they have been having since they were connected to Town sewer. Their backyard has been ruined. It was seeded and with the rain it was washed away. Sod was put in place 80% of that was weeds.

They also have shed issues. It was a functional shed since the sewer went in you can't get the door open and it has sunken. The overhang of their deck has never seen splitting of the railing, but the deck is unsafe. You can't walk on straight, 6 months and its unsafe. They felt after they were sold on getting the sewer they have incurred \$20,000.00 since. We have ended up with sod gone into weeds, shed that is unsafe to use. The ground is not properly leveled. They aren't asking for a new shed or deck. Just looking for some damage relief.

Mayor Hinkle told them that our engineers will look over the pictures that they presented and get back with them.

Victoria Thompson, Walnut Street resident spoke on communication issues.

Julia Maceikis, Flintridge resident spoke on a concern about councilmember working for Frederick County. She asked if that councilmember would please excuse herself to avoid conflict with Frederick County issues.

Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift noted that she fully agreed and explained her intentions.

She spoke about taking this to the Ethics Committee to see if there was something she could do. Based on present there were no concerns from the Ethic Committee or County Attorney.

She noted that she would refuse herself from those issues.

Susan McCarrick, Meadowridge resident. Congratulated Dan Long and Lauren Vandergrift on winning the elected seats. She spoke on Canada Hill Road transfer. Mayor Hinkle told her that we would know more about this for next month's workshop. Mrs. McCarrick stated that people are really concerned about the speed and the buckled sidewalk. She spoke with David Olney, and he said that the Town becomes responsible for Canada Hill Road. She wasn't sure how true that was.

Public Presentations:

Victoria Thompson spoke on volunteerism and how it impacts Myersville. She recognized the following volunteers:

Judy Ziegler, Judy Zeck, Joe Magnifico, Sheldon Shealer, Ryan Harshman, Maribeth Schmersahl, Efim Shapiro and Victoria Thompson.

Mayor Hinke also spoke on volunteering opportunities in Myersville.

Staff Reports:

Treasurers Report:

Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos gave the Treasurers Report.

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 – finalizing easement agreements that are required for development.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – decision to uphold site plan approval was granted by the Planning Commission. It has now been petitioned to the Circuit Court for Frederick County for judicial review.
- Meadowridge Knoll – one (1) more building permit submitted.
- Meadowridge Knoll II – developer has not addressed the Planning Commission's comments.
- Quail Run – Conversation with Town and Frederick County addressing stormwater comments prior to resubmittal of the improvement plans and mass grading plans.

Zoning Update:

- One (1) for formal complaint.
- One (1) zoning violation cited.
- Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing was summarized.
- Seven (7) zoning certificates were issued.

Legislative Efforts:

- Planning commission to review and make further recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding the text amendment.
- They had discussion on vacant property regulations. There will be three (3) ordinances forthcoming.
- Working on proposed text amendment that would codify the ex-officio member's ability to vote in case of a tie. This will require an ordinance.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Brandon gave an update on MS4 planting, credits and acres that are needed to be completed. He explained the fines if this project is not completed.

MES-Water & Sewer Report:

Maryland Environmental Services (MES), Assistant Supervisor, Bob Barnhart sent over report.

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire went over the highlights of their report.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Metzer Park – Merry go round has been installed.
- Contracting Micks Plumbing to find valves that need to be replaced as well as meters.
- Applied for FY25 POS funds. This will be to replace the waterline at Doubs Park.
- Settled with utility leak. LGIT will be covering.
- Spoke about webinar on PFAS. He explained the levels now and future and how it is to be properly treated.
- Application has been sent in for Ashley.
- Received a request for Doubs Park on a swap out day.
- Received a request from a Scout for an Eagle Scout project. Request is to put a pantry at United Methodist Church. Not sure town is to give funds or not since it is public property.
- Received complaint about Merry-go-round at Mountain Terrace. Communicated with the HOA before putting it in. They are much safer now than they were 20 years ago.

Committee Reports:

Budget & CIP Committee:

Councilmember Dan Long gave the following report:

- No report at this time.

Park and Recreation Committee:

Victoria Thompson gave the following report:

- An invasive cleanup was done.

- May 18th – Kids to Park Day
- May 18th – seedling swop at the library
- Botany walks to resume.

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 – approximately 107 people in attendance.
- Spoke on Memorial Day event.
- Banners – currently received 3 more. We are at 48 banners and running out of poles to place them on. It was decided to start a waiting list.
- Snowman will be cut out soon and painted in July.

Unfinished Business:

Municipal Sidewalk Maintenance Responsibility – Kristin Aleshire gave feedback. A motion by Councilmember Dan Long to move to workshop in June because it is not in budget this year. Motion second by Councilmember Robert Zeigler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Easterday Road Sewer Line – Bids- Have not received any grant award for this yet.

Cannabis Legislation – Two (2) proposed Ordinances were reviewed by Kristin Aleshire. If an individual comes in on you can't prohibit it like general retail services. Mayor Hinkle noted a defined area to place, or do we want to say no thank you we don't want it? Councilmember Wayne Creadick stated that he has been following it. He talked to legislatives at MML. We are at risk. There are no regulations to stop it or try to stop it. Will have to define on regulations and where it is going to be. It was recommended to bring back up. Town regulations need to be defined where it will be in town to be sold.

New Business:

Myersville FY25 Budget – Ordinance – Motion to introduce FY25 Budget with amendments to property tax by Councilmember Dan Long and second by Councilmember Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

User Fee Waiver Request(s) – no exempt: Motion to deny our interest in policy due to business by Councilmember Wayne Creadick and second by Councilmember Mark Flynn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

IT – Mayor and Council is within budget amount. Clear directions were given to go out and seek bids for various IT items.

Relief requests – Kristin noted that three (3) requests were received.

1) Receipts were provided.

Motion that we grant waiver within the policy by Councilmember Mark Flynn and second by Councilmember Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2) Receipts were provided.

Motion that we approve waiver with the policy by Councilmember Mark Flynn and second by Councilmember Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3) Receipts were not provided. Asked to go back and bring forth at next meeting.

Housekeeping:

The Sullivans asked about the design of DG Market. It was noted that it will be discussed at June's Planning Commission meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Councilmember Mark Flynn and second by Councilmember Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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