

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2023
7PM

The Town Meeting for August 5, 2023 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, Sheldon Shealer and Robert Ziegler along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos.

A motion was made by Mark Flynn to accept the July minutes as written and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public Comment:

Carol Eichelberger, Main Street resident made public comments on the DG Market, traffic impact, and the historical value.

Karen Ramsey, Main Street resident made public comment and handed out a survey that she took on some local residents about the traffic calming. The majority wanted something to be done to slow traffic down on Main Street.

Martin McCarrick, Meadowridge resident, made a public comment on the DG Market on its impact on water, schools and personal property.

Jeff Olson, Ashley resident, made public comments on DG Market, to their appearance inside and outside.

Mark Dominesey, Monument Road resident, made public comment in favor of the DG Market and how people can value the use of the store.

Public Presentation:

Valley Softball League – Regan, who is a second grader played softball and had a lot of fun. She thanked the Mayor and Council for letting them use the field for free. Vivian thanked the Mayor and Council for letting them play at Harp Park. She loves playing with others from school.

Victoria Thompson – Myersville Parks and Recreation Committee came to ask the Mayor and Council to ask if they could get Microsoft Office 365 to use for their email accounts. It would be around \$72.00 a year. The Mayor and Council agreed with this.

Staff Reports:

Treasurers Report:

Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos gave the Treasurers report. 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, Brandon Boldyga gave the following report:

- Approved site plan for DG Market parking spaces.
- The Easterday Road sewer project improvement plan was approved by the Planning Commission.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals held a Public Hearing. The variance of the 32 square feet of total signage surface area on the proposed DG Market was approved.
- 3 zoning certificates were issued.
- The Planning Commission recommends ADU's. They have drafted five (5) proposed ordinances to permit ADU's.
- Working on a request for recommendation to Mayor and Council for retail off street parking requirements.
- Still working on Harp Alley.
- Terraces of South Mountain deeds working with counsel on this.
- Tree Land Foundation property – currently working on a closing date.

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 Report:

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave the following report:

- Litigation on volunteer water usage. Put out to residents on their water usage.
- Tree Land property – will proceed once a closing date is set.
- Myersville Volunteer Fire Company out lot in process if getting everything together.

Committee Reports:

Budget and CIP:

Councilmember Sheldon Shealer gave the following report:

- No meeting but will meet with auditor on overage for fiscal year. More clarity for paying off water and sewer.

Park and Recreation Committee:

Councilman Dan Long gave the following report:

- Thanked Victoria Thompson for her presentation.
- Awarded the trolley to Carrier Bauer to be painted with her design and displayed at the parks and town hall.
- Trolley Fest will be held October 21st with the Knight Brothers singing. Mt. Zion will have food in the concession stand, a trackless train, pumpkin making, chain saw carving and blacksmithing.
- Mary Miller, a local resident, attended the meeting. She stated an interest in more signage with information on the walking trails in the park such as length and what you can see along the trails.

Public Facilities Committee:

Councilman Mark Flynn gave the following report:

- They talked about water.
- Kristin Aleshire added they are good since they figured out the right dialogue.
- They looked at CIP items.
- Spent a good bit of time talking with the MES employees.
- Future plan is to work on maintenance at the Municipal Center.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Robert Ziegler gave the following report:

- Held a fundraiser and received over \$1,000.00 in donations. Jim Cappuccilli did knife sharpening. The donation money will cover for banners for those that were killed/wounded in action.
- Community directories will be going out in the October quarterly water bill.
- The Myersville time capsule will be placed in May of 2024.
- Snowman will go on sale August 21st for \$20.00 each.

Unfinished Business:

Main Street Crosswalk Project – Bid Award: Kristin noted that 2 bids were turned in.

- 1) SCC Corporation of Randallstown MD. Lump sum price for drawings is \$81,243.41. Addendum no. 1 \$17,833.91. Total contract price \$99,077.33
- 2) RFP, Inc. of Middletown Installation per plans of 4 thermoplastic calming humps with signage and curb replacement lump sum price of \$44,684.00

Motion to award three (3) elevated crosswalks to RFP Main Street and at School to end of street at Mt. Zion by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion 2 for Dan Long, Robert Ziegler and 3 against Wayne Creadick, Mark Flynn, and Sheldon Shealer.

Discussion was to have 3 elevated crosswalks and then if more is needed add one.

Motion to have four (4) elevated crosswalks on Main Street. One (1) at Dick Phelps, one (1) before school, one (1) a school and one (1) at Mt. Zion by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion 2 for Dan Long, Robert Ziegler and 3 again Wane Creadick, Mark Flynn and Sheldon Shealer.

Public Comment was held that there is speeding through town actually all over town. Elevated humps will slow emergency vehicles and it is going to damage vehicles as well. Can the town afford to put them all over the town.

Motion for elevated crosswalk on Main Street at each end and speed hump at the school by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion 2 for Dan Long, Robert Ziegler and 3 again Wayne Creadick, Mark Flynn, and Sheldon Shealer.

Kristin explained what the engineer presented/proposed for seven (7) raised crosswalk.

Motion to put in 4=Way stop signs at the school by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick.

Public comment was made by Karen Ramge noting that she had 100 names on a survey that affects their area. Victoria Thompson noted that the crossing guard has trouble stopping the traffic with a stop sign. She didn't feel that the stop signs would help.

Motion was 2 for Wayne Creadick and Mark Flynn and 3 against Dan Long, Sheldon Shealer and Robert Ziegler.

After a lengthy discussion determination was made to discuss it further.

Motion to defer to workshop by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Arro PSA – Tabletop Street Speed Study: Kristin spoke on the evaluation of reduction of speed limits in town. Throughout state law they need to do some engineering to analyze the streets. It could drop from 25-20.

Motion that we accept approve Arro tabletop speed study by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Arro PSA-Deerwood's Trail: Kristin spoke on Deerwood's trails. He showed on the map where the trail would run. He noted that the State Highway will need to cross Catoctin Creek with a bridge.

Motion they approved Arro PSA to do trail by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

DR Brush Mower: This would be a mower that can be used to clear invasive vegetation at the parks. We had looked into getting goats to put out to help with clearing some areas, however the cost for them was over \$100,000.

Motion we approve the DR Brush machine by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick. Motion 2 for Wayne Creadick and Mark Flynn and 3 again Dan Long, Sheldon Shealer and Robert Ziegler.

Appointment to Planning Commission: Michelle Sweet showed interest in this position.

Motion we appoint Michelle Sweet to the Planning Commission by Mark Flynn and second by Sheldon Shealer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Housekeeping:

Kristin noted a property owner currently had a water leak and asked for relief. They sent the proper paperwork in.

Motion to provide relief per code policy by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Barry Salisbury spoke on the walking trails. She noted all kinds of people use it. They are working on the trail from Myersville to Middletown. This makes an opportunity to get exercise, and to walk out into nature.

Max Szabo, Main Street resident stated about the change of his address. This will be the second time to do so. He has spoken to the Frederick County; Joyce Shafer and she said that there is no such thing that Frederick County directing town to change the address. The address should not have changed. Mayor Hinkle noted that the County has their stance in the event of emergency you have a problem. Kristin pulled up the lots and explained the numbering of the addresses of the present and previous homes. Mr. Szabo stated that Frederick County said that you can't change the address.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Szabo was asked to come back to the September workshop to continue the conversation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Flynn and second by Sheldon Shealer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver
Council Secretary