

Town of Myersville  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2023  
7PM

The Town Meeting for September 12, 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, and Robert Ziegler along with Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos.

Mayor Hinkle announced the following:

In accordance with the provision 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 meeting for the purpose of consulting with staff on a legal issue.

Motion by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Public Comments:**

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager prepared and gave a summary of the actions to date on the DG Market.

Mayor Hinkle announced the ground rules for speakers that indicated an interest in speaking during the Public Comments.

Carol Eichelberger, Main Street resident made public comment on the Village Center and light commercial. She spoke on traffic danger and those walking up down Main Street, as well as the value of houses dropping.

Craig Carroll, Meadowridge, made public comment on the developer and OSHA issues.

Byrant Linthicum, town resident made public comment on DG Market and the flyer that was put out. He spoke on the good things from DG Market.

Barry Salisbury, Landlord of Main Street home, made public comment on the Village Center which she read.

Mary Coe, Main Street resident, made public comment on the speeding on Main Street and why there isn't any speed humps on Main Street.

Andrew Werlinger, Meadowridge resident, made a public comment DG Market needing additional parking.

**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.

Several residents asked him about the speeding issue on Main Street, about the break ins on vehicles at Doubs Meadow Park and missing packages off front porches. Someone asked about getting a camera at Doubs Meadow Park.

## Planning & Zoning Report:

Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga gave the following report:

- DG Market site plan – stormwater management is approved.
- William Glen – First housing unit has been approved to be built.
- Received a complaint which was a judicial review, he is working with the Town Attorney on this matter.
- No Board of Appeals meetings
- Received nine (9) zoning certificates.
- Accessory Dwellings – Public Hearing to be held next month.
- Street addressing – recommends text amendment or proposed policy.
- Terraces of South Mountain – received deed that needs to be recorded.
- Nate, from Arro Consulting is working on the speed table.
- Will be settling on Treeland properties.
- Spoke on tie breaking process for Planning Commission. Resolution or Planning Commission to go to bylaw. It was decided to go with bylaw.

Street addressing – Mayor Hinkle summarized Town addressing process.

Max Szabo, Fox Rock resident stated that the town had zero policy to change addresses. He stated that he would not change his address. Mayor Hinkle noted to keep in order due to emergency responses. He added that we offered to help you in changing it. Mr. Szabo feels like he is being forced to change it. Mayor Hinkle reiterated that it is for the safety of neighbors that are at risk. Mr. Szabo stated that there was no logic, and you have no policy forcing me to do this. Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager reviewed past and present on the current numbering of Mr. Szabo's house. Councilmember Creadick added that development occurs, and things happen. A recommendation is being made now to correct this. We have to look at the greater good of the residents. Kristin added with a cu-de-sac you go from even to odd numbers, where Mr. Szabo was odd, but will now be even. Lengthy discussion was held on moving Mr. Szabos current address from 11 Fox Rock Drive to 10 Fox Rock Drive.

Motion for renumbering from 11 Fox Rock to 10 Fox Rock in accordance with and in alignment with the expectations in terms which emergency management services will the expectations, should there be an event they would need to respond to. Made by Wayne Creadick and second by Dan Long.

Mayor Hinkle opened the floor for discussion.

Jay Wells, Ashley Way resident asked about rules of conduct and Mayor Hinkle explained them. Mr. Wells was upset about the address number changing.

Kristin spoke on how address issue was made through Frederick County and spoke on the past and present procedures through the planning process.

Eric Hanson, Meadowridge made public comments on GPS.

Mark Dominesey, Monument Road resident made public comments on his addressing.

John Brown, Fox Rock resident made public comment on his past as Myersville Postmaster.

He spoke on the way that the 11 Main Street was to be changed to 10 Fox Rock Drive, but he was on vacation, and it was numbered 11 Fox Rock Drive. He noted he had numbered all the homes in Fox Rock.

Call for vote on the motion to change 11 Fox Rock Drive to 10 Fox Rock Drive.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

#### 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. Councilman Creadick suggested to ask MDE to increase the water flow.

#### Town Manager Report:

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave the following report:

- Received and inquire from a Deerwood's resident on dead bluegills that were found in the pond. Contacted MD and they did a water test and alga bloom.
- Engineer – pavilion, trail design on soccer side of Doubs.
- Open house September 17<sup>th</sup> at Middletown and September 18<sup>th</sup> at Myersville Library for the Middletown/Myersville Trail.
- Contractor has secured half of our water meters for upgrade in Town.
- RFP, Inc are doing the paving at Terraces of South Mountain. Doing the drive aisle and the parking spaces along with ADA access to the park
- SHA has been on site at Doubs. Reinstalling what they call improvements to the area of the sidewalk/walk signal. They are planning to move the stop bar back about 100 feet north bound Route 17.
- Received approved grading permit for the hiker/biker trail that goes through the Young property.
- Received additional signs that need to be posted.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Park and Recreation Committee:

Councilman Dan Long gave the following report:

- Myersville Music & Trolley Festival will be October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mt. Zion will be selling BBQ chicken, The Knight Brother will be singing, there will be a trackless trolley, pumpkins and scarecrow making.

##### Public Facilities Committee:

Councilman Mark Flynn gave the following report:

- Next meeting will be held next quarter.

##### Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Robert Ziegler gave the following report:

- Nine (9) new banners will be hanging along Main Street. Mr. Ziegler read the names of those that were bought from the recent fundraiser that they had.
- So far 11 of the 60 snowmen have been bought.
- The new community directory will be going out in the October water bills.

#### Unfinished Business:

DR Brush Mower: Mayor Hinkle explained the use of the brush mower.

Motion was made we approved the purchase of the DR Brush Mower by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

#### New Business:

Municipal Center Cleaning Bid – Kristin went over the two (2) bids that we received.

- 1) Stanley Steamer and 2) Spectrum.

Motion that we approve for carpet Spectrum for \$1,040.10 by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion that we accept Spectrum for ceramic and tile at \$433.00 and \$470.00 by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Correspondence:**

Utility bill request for relief – Kristin noted that the resident proved all the correct information. Motion to grant utility bill relief according to our code by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Housekeeping:**

Wayne Creadick noted that Ashley HOA will be holding their annual meeting. One subject of question is that the association is determining if they want to retain the common area or not. At this point the Town has not expressed any interest. Interest is to be directed to Town by the HOA. It is not a given and they will need to come and speak to Town.

Wayne Creadick also noted that September is Emergency Preparedness Month.

**Public Comment:**

Victoria Stein, Meadowridge resident gave public comment on the agenda and when items were discussed.

Martha Doggett, Church Hill Road resident gave public comment on the Comp Plan which she read from and public comment on DG Market.

Susan McCarrick, Flintridge Court resident gave public comments on DG Market, Village Center, speeding, and sidewalks.

Mayor Hinkle read:

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 public meeting and move to executive session for purpose of consulting with staff on a legal matter.

Motion to move to executive session by Wayne Creadick and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kathy Gaver***

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Council Secretary

