

Myersville Mayor and Council
Public Hearing
November 14, 2023
Street Addressing Ordinance 2023-13

Mayor Mark Hinkle called the Public Hearing meeting to order.

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 welcomed the Boy Scouts that were in attendance.

Mayor Hinkle summarized Ordinance 2023-13.

Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga explained how the Street Addressing Ordinance would work.

Mayor Hinkle asked if anyone had any questions, upon not hearing any he called for the Public Hearing to be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 4 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023

The Town Meeting for November 14, 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.

A motion was made to appoint Michelle Sweet to fill the vacant seat as Councilmember made by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Mark Flynn to accept the September minutes as written and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Hinkle then sworn in Michelle Sweet on the Council.

Public Comments:

Carol Eichelberger, Main Street resident, spoke on not approving the parking requirements for DG Market.

FY23 Audit – Bill Seymour from SB & Company, LLC, Town Accountant gave the FY23 Audit report. He walked through the report and pointed out the high-level points.

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.

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 appointments.

Planning & Zoning Report:

Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga gave the following report:

- Williams Glen – Developer sold project and in process of transferring financial sureties to the new project owner. There are several items that may have the sureties released, but there are several which has to remain bonded.
- DG Market – developer has submitted Improvement Plans for review. Site Plan is conditionally approved and waiting for a decision on the retain parking text amendment.
- Zoning updates – 3 zoning certificates were issued.
- ADU – Five (5) ordinances are up for consideration for adoption making ADUs legal in residential areas.

- Planning Commission agreement for tie breaker is the Ex-Officio.
- Tree Land Foundation – Town will initiate annexation of property once the deed has been recorded.
- MS-4 Need to complete the four (4) pending sewer connections to meet the restoration goal credits.

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 the loan is principal forgiveness, no interest will accrue. The design and engineering process will be reviewed. If it doesn't meet their preference, then we have to pay for it.

Town Manager Report:

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave the following report:

- Proceeding with settlement for Myersville Volunteer Fire Company's property, which will be 100% state funded.
- Proceed with contractor with Fisher Park.
- Pre-bid was held for Easterday Road project. Only One (1) contractor attended.
- New water meters are in. We will proceed to install them in January or when the weather permits. All homeowners will be notified when they are installed in their area. Notices to be posted on doors as well as the Town website. Hoping to get 30 per day installed.

Committee Reports:

Park and Recreation Committee:

Councilman Dan Long gave the following report:

- Dan thanked everyone for coming to the Trolley Festival.

Public Facilities Committee:

Councilmember Mark Flynn gave the following report:

- They are hoping to have a meeting in December.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Robert Ziegler gave the following report:

- A Veterans breakfast will be held in the front lobby on November 11th.
- To date 47 snowman has been sold with 43 okays to be put in the front yards along Route 17.
- May 2024 time capsule – still looking for items/

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2023-06-10- Accessory Dwelling Units:

Ordinance 2023-06 – Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance.

Motion we approve Ordinance 2023-06 by Mark Flynn.

Christina Shultz, Town resident asked if they could give more information on the accessory dwelling. Mayor Hinkle then reviewed it. Town Planner Brandon Boldgya also explained the accessory dwelling.

Martin McCarrick, Meadowridge resident asked about the concept of rental cars parking or number of residential cars. Brandon explained the concept.

A second on the motion was made by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance No 2023-07- Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2023-07 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance 2023-08- Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2023-09 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0/

Ordinance 2023-09- Mayor Hinkle summarized the Ordinance.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2023-09 by Mark Flynn.

Christina Schlutz, town resident, gave public comment on looks, safety and comfort.

Motion was second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance 2023-10- Mayor Creadick summarized the Ordinance.

Motion we approve Ordinance 2023-10 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance 2023-11 – Retail Parking Requirements – May Hinkle summarized the Ordinance.

Motion we approve Ordinance 2023-11 by Mark Flynn.

Barry Salisbury, Owner of Main Street property gave public comment on the 52 parking spaces, future development and comparison of other towns parking.

Mike Swanson Engineer and Jimmy Roland Contractor spoke on the eighty-five (85) spaces versus fifty-two (52) spaces. He noted that fifty-two (52) spaces are enough to accommodate the building. Mr. Roland noted that if you reduce the size by reducing the size of the market, it would be a regular Dollar General.

Martin McCarrick, Meadowridge resident – spoke on respect, no rebuttal. Environmental impact would be more beneficial.

Susan McCarrick, Meadowridge resident – gave public comment on a visit to Hagerstown's DG Market.

Carol Eichelberger, Main Street resident- gave public comment on the 52 parking spaces and having people coming from all over.

Christina Schultz, town resident – gave public comments on vehicle traffic on Main Street and her opinion on what can or could happen on building footprints.

Jeff Olson, Ashley resident – gave public comment that it be rejected.

Jimmy Roland, contractor for DG Market - spoke on the building.

Councilmember Dan Long spoke in thirty (3) years from now how it would look. There is never enough parking. There's nothing, we can do, we can't change this. This would be a change in mid-session. Then gave his answer as to why he was voting against it.

Councilmember Robert Ziegler spoke on possible things that may happen down the road to the building/property. He then gave his reasoning on why he was voting against it.

Kristin Aleshire, Town Manager gave parking comparisons in other nearby towns that had Dollar Generals/DG Markets. Every jurisdiction has or is moving in a similar direction. It depends on how they are impacted. He put the comparison chart on the screen. He also gave his overview on that he has found.

Carold Eichelberger, Main Street resident – gave public comments on other towns.

Christina Schultz, town resident -gave public comment on her opinion of running out of room.

Mayor Hinkle then went back to motion.

Motion was second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion was three (3) for, Wayne Creadick, Jr., Mark Flynn and Michelle Sweet and two (2) against, Dan Long and Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Ordinance 2023-12 – Use of Public Parks - Mayor Hinkle summarized.

Motion we approved Ordinance 2023-12 by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARRO PSA – Canada Hill Road Evaluation – Kristin Aleshire reviewed the letter.

This was discussed and Kristin was to go back to Frederick County for more answers and offers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2023-13 Street Addressing – Mayor Hinkle summarized.

Motion we introduce Ordinance 2023-13 Street Addressing policy by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

Kristin noted that we have received two (2) requests for water relief. Proper paperwork was filed.

Motion we approve both per code by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kristin noted that all the pieces were received for the Christmas tree but missing the drum. The contractor that put in the new sign enquired about putting up the Christmas tree. If they can't then staff will.

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 an appointment matter.

Motion we close the regular meeting and to into executive session by Mark Flynn and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

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