

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2024

The Town Meeting for December 14, 2024, was called to order by Mayor Mark Hinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

In accordance with the provisions of the State Open Meetings Act, I will be seeking a motion by Council to convene an Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of regarding a personnel matter.

Motion to approve November minutes as written by Wayne S. Creadick, Jr. and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Public Comments: Department of Natural Resources Officer Sgt. Brad Lowe, Area 7/District 4 - Frederick County Echo Lake Area Office introduced was present at the meeting to introduce himself and let the Mayor and Council know that his crew is available to help whenever needed. He noted that he attends Myersville Night Out and if there are any other activities that they can be involved in to contact them.

Public Presentations: Chris Moser, from Maryland Department of Environment, presented an AWOP award to the MES employees that run the town's water and sewer systems. Mayor Hinkle thanked the MES employees that were in attendance for their work.

Mari Beth Schmersahl was appointed to the Planning Commission at their last meeting.

Staff Reports:

Town Treasurer, Michelle gave the treasurer's report.
A copy of is on file for Public Review.

Deputy Report:

Deputy Herb Testerman gave the Deputy Report.

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's Report:

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Meet with Engineer on a number of projects that we are currently working on.
- Christmas tree lighting went well.
- Lauren Vandergrift spoke on how the tree was what was not presented to us in the pictures. Would like to have conversation to see why it was different. Kristin spoke with them several times during the insulation of the tree. Styling wasn't what we had agreed upon. This is not what we were always used to having.

Committee Report:

Budget & CIP Committee:

Councilmember Dan Long gave the following report:

- The committee will be starting to get together.

Public Facilities Committee:

It was noted that they will be meeting in January 2025.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift gave the following report:

- They did not meet this month.

Unfinished Business:

Frederick County Snow Removal Agreement – This was not ready to be voted on yet.

New Business:

ARRO PSA – Sidewalk Assessment – Kristin reached out to the engineer. They provided a PSA for basically an analyst throughout the town. Will look at areas that need to be taken care of and will bring back the information to the Mayor and Council. It was noted that they do use ADA guidelines, tripping angles, defects, etc. They will give us the corrective actions. It was asked if it could be done in-house, and just pay engineer the baseline. Kristin noted he would look into it.

Correspondence:

Utility Relief Request(s):

- 1) Leak at their exterior hose bib, made repair.
- 2) Exterior faucet leaking once noticed it, it was shut off and repaired.

Motion to accept utility relief requests by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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 a personnel matter.

Motion to adjourn the regular town meeting and move to executive session by Dan Long and second by Robert Ziegler.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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