

Town of Myersville
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2025

The Town Meeting for January 14, 2025, 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 Boldgya and Town Treasurer, Michelle Ramos. Councilmember Mark Flynn was present virtually.

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 pending litigation.

Motion to approve December minutes as written by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public Comment:

Martha Doggett noted that she looked at the Planning Commission agenda online and it was noted that a meeting as scheduled. However, once she came here the meeting was cancelled. She did not see any cancellation for this. She felt that it should have been posted on the marquee outside.

Mayor Hinkle introduced Josh Massey, the new IT person.

Public Presentation:

MVB User Agreement & Signage – Justin Clipp, Mountain Valley Baseball asked for a waiver for the use of the baseball fields. This would Doubs and Harp Park. He has worked with softball on the scheduling of Harp Park. Will be doing field maintenance and improvements to Harp baseball field.

Motion for use of in-kind services in lieu of payment made by Mark Flynn and second by Wayne Creadick, Jr.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jake Brandenburg, Mountain Valley Baseball talked about putting in permanent fencing since the last flood took out the original fence. The league would pay for and do the maintenance of the fence. If the fence is approved, I would like to get sponsorship banners to be hung on the fence. Will talk later about banners, codes and sign limits.

Staff Reports:

Town Treasurer, Michelle gave the treasurer's report.

Michelle spoke on the Muni link program and that credit card service fee.

A copy is on file for Public Review.

Deputy Report:

Deputy Paul Graves was absent.

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.

Planning & Zoning Report

Town Planner, Brandon Boldyga gave the following report:

- DG Market has a hearing date of February 10, 2025, in circuit court.
- Sited two (2) violation.
- Issued two (2) zoning certificates in December.
- Doubs Meadow Park addition plat is be recorded.
- Planning Commission approved JB Seafood to move forward.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager, Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Received complaints about snow removal on residents not removing snow off their sidewalks. A friendly letter was posted.
- Remsburg finishing projects at Grindstone Park and Young Nature Trail.
- Harp clearing – contractor has taken out the trees and removed. Plantings to occur in the spring.

Committee Report:

Budget & CIP Committee:

Councilmember Dan Long gave the following report:

- First meeting was held. Talked about each budget line item and how they may change over the next six (6) months.

Park and Recreation Committee:

- President has stepped and they are looking for volunteers.

Public Facilities Committee:

Kristin Aleshire gave the following report:

- Currently, they are trying to get everyone together for a meeting.

Public Relations Committee:

Councilmember Lauren Vandergrift gave the following report:

- Will be giving Josh items to put on social media.
- Councilmember Robert Ziegler spoke on the snowman and that they will be taken down during the month of January.

Unfinished Business:

ARRO PSA – MS4 – Sidewalk Assessment - Sidewalk inventory Kristin would like to take on directly. Kristin noted that our Arro representative has rezoned.

Frederick County Snow Removal Agreement – Revised – This all came about on ownership dispute. Kristin sat down with Jason to come up with some type of agreement to sign. Jason had some concern about what the Town has request. He then put forth an adjustment between the County and Town to agree on pacific amount of mileage. Jason and Kristin came up with agreement to keep roads clear and keep safe to determine ownership of road. 1.965 miles county to do cost estimate at \$2,000.00 extra for county to resume clearing for any snow event until town council has met. If they do not reach an answer, then they (County) will not do it. 1.05 miles they will clear and bill the town. Currently the issue is still unresolved. Town will remove snow from sidewalks as normal operations.

New Business:

Arro PSA – MS4 - Kristin reviewed.

Motion to so move by Wayne Creadick and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-01 – Elections Violations & Penalties – Brandon Boldyga gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2025-01 by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance 2025-02 – Elections Penalties for Falsification – Brandon Boldyga gave a summary of the Ordinance.

Motion to introduce by Mark Flynn and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ordinance 2025-03 – Elections – Application Forms – Brandon Boldyga gave a summary of the Ordinance.

Motion to introduce by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

MYES PTA Donation Request - It was recommended that we approve \$500.00.

Mot to donate to Myersville Elementary play by Robert Ziegler and second by Lauren Vandergrift.

Motion carried 4 with 1 – Councilmember Dan Long abstaining.

Housekeeping:

Brandon noted that with change in staff with IT. Items if anything Council/Mayor would like priority if it is a town issue to let Josh know. Kristin and Brandon will work with Josh.

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 ligation matter.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Robert Ziegler and second by Dan Long. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gaver

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Council Secretary