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APPROVED

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **NO. 15-04**

The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, February 23, 2015. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Mayor Shaw led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Shaw, Council President Frank Robert, and Council Members, Julia Betz, Anna Carter, Leo Keenan, and Stacy Link

ABSENT: Council Member Al Grasley

STAFF: Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager
Janice Perrault, Town Clerk
Michael Spaulding, Chief of Police
Ronald Esworthy, Director of Public Works
Linda Joyce, Town Treasurer

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None

MINUTES: February 9, 2015

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to approve the February 9, 2015 minutes as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chief Spaulding reported on the period from February 6, 2015 through February 18, 2015. There were a total of 267 calls for service, and 6 assists to other police agencies/departments outside the Town.

Chief Spaulding announced that he is recognizing two officers as officers of the year. Patrolman First Class Nicholas Betcher is a 5 year veteran of the Sykesville Police Department. He was selected as the Sykesville Police Department Officer of the Year for his outstanding performance during 2014. Auxiliary Officer Anthony Gioio is an 8 year veteran of the Sykesville Auxiliary Police. He was selected as the Sykesville Auxiliary Officer of the year for his performance during 2014.

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TREASURERS

REPORT: January 2015

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Keenan to approve the Treasurers Report as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

REPORTS:

- **Parks and Recreation Committee** – Council Member Carter announced the next meeting is scheduled for February 26.
- **Historic District Commission** – Council Member Link indicated the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on March 2. The Gate House Museum receive \$1,100 in donations with the membership drive.
- **Warfield Development Corporation (WDC)** – Mayor Shaw indicated the next meeting is scheduled for March 4.
- **Military Memorial** – Council President Robert announced that this project is moving forward. Just waiting for good weather.
- **Main Street Association** – Council Member Keenan announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3 to discuss the Art and Wine Festival. The Community Garden will host a working garden event on April 19, from 1 – 2:30 pm, to prep the garden for the growing season.
- **Planning Commission** – Council Member Betz announced the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Historic District Commission on March 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On February 9, in closed session, the Mayor and Town Council appointed Steven Colella as the Town's Economic Development/Main Street Coordinator.
- On Monday, March 9, EW Beck's restaurant is hosting a fundraiser for the Sykesville Community Garden.
- On Monday, March 23, Nominations will be accepted for four Council Member positions. Three will be for a four year term and one is for a two year term.
- On Saturday, March 28, the Mayor and Town Council Retreat will be held at the Town House. The public is invited to attend.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendment NO 289 – Zoning Map change** - Mayor Shaw announced the Public Hearing is continued from February 9, for the land use designation of the Warfield Planning area on the Town's Zoning Map. The Warfield complex is proposed to be changed from Business Local with an Employment Campus Overlay to Planned Employment Center. Also, the adjacent 23-acre property owned by Integrate Inc. is proposed to be changed from its existing zoning to Planned Employment Center. Mayor Shaw asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

MOTION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Keenan seconded to close the Public Hearing on zoning Ordinance Amendment NO 289 – Zoning Map change.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment NO. 289 – Zoning Map change**

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment NO 289 – Zoning Map change.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Board of Election Supervisors** – Mayor Shaw introduced the judges and alternates for the next election on May 5. Mayor Shaw appointed; Rebecca Bederka, Jane Banaszak, Steve Rogness, and Carmen McEvoy and Lloyd Perrault as alternates and they recited the oath of office.
- 4. Farmers Market** – Lindsey Merkle was in attendance to discuss the Farmers Market. She requested the market start on May 10 and run until October 4 between the hours of 9 & 2. The farmers have indicated this is the time they will have crops available. She also presented the guidelines for participants along with the application. Discussion took place about the time of day since the time may interfere with church service at St. Paul's Church. Council Member Link indicated she is scheduling a meeting to talk to the Trustees about the parking situation. She mentioned that this year all vendors will be required to park at South Branch Park to keep the McElroy lot for the church parishioners. Council Member Link will report back to the Council about her conversation with the Trustees at St. Paul's Church.

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- 5. FY 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop** – Linda Joyce, Town Treasurer, presented the CIP with emphasis on the FY 2016 recommendations. Although the items requested are more than we can fund, the Mayor and Town Council will be asked at a later time to prioritize the list. It is requested the FY 2016-2020 CIP get adopted at the same time as the budget.

- 6. FY 2015 Mid-Year Budget Review** – Linda Joyce presented an overview of the FY 2015 spending and revenue and areas where we anticipate needing budget amendments along with potential sources of funding. It was decided to wait until year end to make any adjustments when we will have a better idea of our final numbers.

MOTION: Mayor Shaw motioned and Council President Robert seconded to take a 5 minute recess at 8:46 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Keenan motioned and Council Member Link seconded to go back into open session at 9:01 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Council Member Betz motioned and Council President Robert seconded to go into closed session at 9:02 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was proposed to be closed pursuant to the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a) to discuss (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Shaw, Council President Robert, Council Members Betz, Carter, Keenan, Link and Town Manager Dawn Ashbacher.

Absent: Council Member Grasley

Items discussed were:

- Property Acquisition – Main Street – no action

MOTION: Mayor Shaw motioned and Council Member Keenan seconded to go into open session at 9:23.

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The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Betz motioned and Council Member Carter seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:24 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Perrault
Town Clerk