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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 20-17

The Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on Monday, November 9, 2020. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.us. Mayor Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Shaw, Council President Alan Grasley, and Council Members Anna Carter, Mark Dyer, Stacy Link, and Jeremiah Schofield.

ABSENT: Council Member Leo Keenan

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Police Chief Michael Spaulding
Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Derek Shreves, Public Works Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Minutes from October 26, 2020
- II. Surplus of Vehicles
- III. Municipal Government Works Month Proclamation

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to approve the item on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Carter seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- Next Mayor and Town Council Meeting is on Monday, November 23, 2020. This will be a Zoom meeting.
- Due to the Veterans Day holiday, trash pickup regularly scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020, will be picked up on Friday, November 13, 2020. Tuesday's pickup and Thursday's recycling will not be affected.

- We have volunteer opportunities available on the Historic District Commission, SPARC, Police Auxiliary, and Crossing Guard. Email town@sykesville.net for more information about volunteering with the Town.
- Staff Updates
 - o Warfield Update

Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, announced that there was a meeting with the developer, representatives from Carroll County, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Secretary of the Department of Planning. The meeting was on November 6 and was to discuss project challenges and the State's role in solving some of the challenges. The development team is working on updating their marketing and economic feasibility studies. These studies need to be completed before the developer presents new plans to the Town. The developers do not feel that the current Planned Employment Campus zoning is financially feasible. There is not timeline for when a new or revised plan would be submitted to the Town.

Council Member Link requested a closed session to discuss the contract and the timeline that was agreed upon during the sale of the property. She also thinks an overview for the newer Council Members and a refresher for the other Council Members would be beneficial.

Council Member Schofield asked how the community's interest will be considered for any changes to the Warfield zoning. There was nothing specific that came up during the Comprehensive Plan process regarding Warfield because there is already zoning in place. Mr. Cosentini explained that for zoning the change, the developers would present a plan to the Town, the Planning Commission would need to recommend the zoning change, and, after several public comment meetings, the Council would make the final decision.

There were concerns expressed by the Council that there has not yet been a plan or even a timeframe for a new plan.

Mayor Shaw explained that he believes there will be a request for additional residential development. Council Member Link noted that there are still 35 or 36 residential units that they could build based on the current zoning.

- o Treasurer's Report

Craig Weaver, Town Treasurer, presented the October 2020 Treasurer's Report. He explained that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the report. He is expecting the Highway User Revenue and Income Tax to come in during the next few months.

MOTION: Council President Grasley motioned to approve the October 2020 Treasurer's Report. Council Member Schofield seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- o Public Safety Report
Chief Spaulding presented the Public Safety Report for the period of October 19 through November 1. There was a total of 333 reports including five assist other agencies, three community policing events, 23 foot patrols, 19 incident reports, 200 patrol checks, and 29 traffic enforcement initiatives. Chief Spaulding highlighted the campaign sign thefts and the trespassing at Warfield. He explained that Officer Kirkner checked the camera placed at Warfield after some damage was noticed on the buildings. The pictures of the trespassers were posted to Facebook, but so far there have been very few leads. The camera at the Apple Butter Factory did not catch any footage of the people who damaged it.
- Council/Committee Reports
 - o Council Member Carter announced that the Historic District Commissioner met on October 27 to approve a roof replacement, siding on a garage building, and to discuss brick colors for the Warfield townhomes and the neon open signs on Main Street. The next meeting is on November 17.
 - o Council President Grasley announced that the merchants met to discuss the Willy Wonka First Friday. They also discussed a collaboration with the Downtown Sykesville Connection. Their next meeting is November 20.
 - o Council Member Schofield announced that there was no meeting for the Raincliffe HOA or the MML Legislative Committee.
 - o Mayor Shaw announced that there is a virtual MML Chapter meeting on December 10.
 - o Council Member Link announced that Parks and Recreation will meet on November 19. They plan to purchase trash and recycling containers for South Branch Park and Millard Cooper Park. The skatepark at South Branch Park has been officially reopened! The zipline in Millard Cooper Park is still down, but it is expected to be fixed by Friday. Council Member Link also announced that people can donate to the Downtown Sykesville Connection's (DSC) HappyThon by visiting the DSC's website and clicking the donate button or by mailing a check to the DSC's offices at 7307 Spout Hill Road.
 - o Council Member Dyer announced there was a Planning Commission meeting on November 2 for the sole purpose of updates. There will be an advisory committee meeting for the Master Plan update on Thursday, November 12.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Grasley motioned and Council Member Link seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:01 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Chaney