

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 3-4-14
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on April 1, 2014

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 8:38 p.m. Council Members Jim Ruspi, Josh Pomeroy, Charles Bradsher and Dave Preusch were present. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were present. Six residents, Mr. Matt Honacki and Mr. Joe Lococo from NV Homes were also present.

Mayor Prats closed the record on the hearing of the Laytonsville Preserve Subdivision.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting on February 18, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report this month.

Committees and Reports

Comprehensive Plan: Eric Wenger, Chairman of the Planning Commission addressed the Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He reported that the state had finished its review of the Comprehensive Plan. Comments were characterized as minor errors such as spelling and some comments. He mentioned that they are just comments and the Town doesn't have to accept them. Consultant, Doug Lohmeyer is working on responses to the comments.

Mayor's Update and Reports

WSSC Update: Mayor Prats received the final update from WSSC. The system is finally finished and on line. Bags have been removed from the hydrants. Citizens can hook up by contacting a plumber. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony forth coming with former Mayor Oland. The date will be finalized and a notice will be sent out.

SHA Sidewalk Update: Mayor Prats stated that work on the sidewalks will begin once the weather improves.

Laytonsville Preserve Construction Update: Mayor Prats reported that paving of the cul-de-sac off Warfield Road should be done by the end of April.

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Election Judges: One person has volunteered so far to be an election judge. More judges are needed.

Work Session: There was no work session scheduled.

Stadler Subdivision: A hearing is scheduled for March 10 regarding the final plan for the Stadler Subdivision.

Safety Inspection: The Quarterly Safety Inspection for the second quarter will be done by Council Member Preusch.

Services for Francis Hewitt will be held Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. and Friday, March 7 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 8 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olney.

Mayor Prats reported that he presented the LDVFD with a check for their building fund from the Town of Laytonsville on Wednesday, February 26. Mayor Prats stated that the Gazette will be doing a story on it.

On a recent inspection of the Town Hall by LGIT, Mayor Prats stated that it was recommended that battery back- up lighting elements in the hallway should be installed in case of power outages.

Mayor Prats reported that the Commander from the Germantown District has agreed to come to the Town Hall to conduct a Public Safety Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2014 at 7 pm.

Mayor Prats was notified by the Lions Club that they cannot find a coordinator for the parade this year.

Old Business:

Resolution Adopting County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mayor Prats introduced Resolution R-01-14 which is the revised 2013 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Preusch made a motion to adopt Resolution R-01-14. Council Member Pomeroy seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

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New Business:

NV Model Homes for Laytonsville Preserve: The following new NV home models were discussed after being presented at the hearing.

Remington II - Elevation A No objections. Council Member Ruspi did object to side garage on all models. Vote not to restrict.

Remington Place II – Elevation A No objection

Elevation B No objection

Elevation C No objection

Elevation D No objection

Elevation E One objection – No partial hip element, (Unanimous to restrict).

Chapel Hill – Elevation A No objection

Elevation B No objection

Elevation C No objection

Pinehurst – Elevation A One objection, Council Member Pomeroy wanted to restrict shed dormer on Warfield Rd. Vote not to restrict.

Elevation B No objection

Elevation C No objection

Empress – Elevation B No objection

Elevation D No objection

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Council Member Preusch made a motion to approve the new NV model homes as presented with restrictions for Phase A and B of Laytonsville Preserve. Decisions from the October 2013 meeting, i.e. no Regents Park II, Elevation E, no side load garages, no Mt. Vernon and no Montecello, will stand. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Approved* with Council Member Ruspi abstaining.

Goshen Contracts: Mayor Prats presented an annual maintenance contract from Goshen Enterprises with estimates for various services provided around town, such as mowing, weeding, trimming, etc. Council Member Pomeroy made the motion to accept the annual maintenance contract from Goshen Enterprises. Council Member Preusch seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Council:

Flash Cam: Council Member Ruspi introduced and presented information regarding the use of flash cams to deter trespassing in the Jones Farm area. He stated that they are currently used throughout the county by police and park organizations. After further discussion, Council Member Ruspi stated that he would present a list to the Council of organizations in other municipalities that use them.

Parks Policy: Mayor Prats began presenting the Parks Policy which establishes regulations and procedures regarding parks and trails in the Town of Laytonsville. There were no objections to the six statements defining parks in the Town of Laytonsville. In Section 2 Council Member Ruspi objected and stated that the word “maintenance” which was used in describing vehicles should be stricken. Item number 5 regarding “fishing in Town waterways” should also be stricken. There were no objections to the 4 other items in Section 2. Council Member Preusch stated that he felt that the policy was long but it is a good idea to have a Parks Policy in place for the Town because more parks and trails will appear as the Town expands. Council Member Ruspi stated that he felt Attachment A was too much for Laytonsville. Mayor Prats thanked Council Member Pomeroy for his work on the parks policy and stated that due to the late hour, discussion would begin on Section 4 at the next Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Ruspi mentioned that the MML, (Maryland Municipal League) meeting would be held the third Thursday in April.

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Council Member Ruspi reported that John Paul Beller will receive his Eagle Award on March 15 and he would compile a list of past Eagle Award recipients.

Council Member Pomeroy let the Council know that the Olney Library is scheduled to reopen on March 15.

Residents: Charles Hendricks of 7011 Brink Road commented on how repeated plowing of snow on the roads in town makes sidewalks impassable after they have already been shoveled.

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 pm. Council member Pomeroy seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
March 4, 2014

Trash/Recycling Update

When trash and recycling pick-up occur on Monday holidays, the following day, Tuesday, will be the designated pick-up day. The designated holidays follow the county transfer station schedule and will be as follows for 2014:

For Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, Pick-up will be May 27

For Monday, Sept 1, Labor Day, Pick-up will be Sept 2

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Please continue to separate recycling materials.

Please do not put yard waste or mulch out for the regular trash pick-up.

Yard waste should be placed in brown bags.

Bulk Trash Pick-up is April 28, 2014