

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 1-5-16

As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on February 2, 2016

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:31 p.m. Council Members David Preusch, Jim Ruspi, Charles Bradsher and Larry Halvorson were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as was one resident.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting on December 1, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of December 2015. Total Income for the month of December was \$18,010 with \$3000 coming from Permits and Fees, \$8,897 coming from Public Utilities and \$2,831 coming from Real Property Taxes. In the CIP Fund, \$11 was received from Interest Income. Major expenses for the month of December 2015 were \$1,778 for Accounting, \$5,339 for Payroll Expenses and \$3,380 for Grounds Maintenance and \$2,886 for Waste Collection. Total Expenses for the month of December 2015 were \$16,533. Total Net Income for the month of December 2015 was \$1,476. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of December 2015, the fund balance for the general fund was \$1,048,932, for the CIP account, the balance was \$164,162 and the Fixed Assets were \$684,352. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for December 2015 was \$1,897,446.

Council Member Preusch made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2015 subject to audit. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Committees and Board Reports

Mayor's Update and Reports:

Construction Update: Mayor Prats stated that there isn't much going on due to the rain and the holidays. He went on to say that quite a few permits have been issued for Section A and one permit was issued for Section C.

Tree Lighting: Mayor Prats stated that the tree lighting went well. He thanked Boyland Electric for putting the lights on the tree and for donating the star for the top of the tree. He also thanked the Lions Club and Town Clerk, Charlene Dillingham for all the work

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she has done for the event. The Principal from Laytonsville Elementary School, Donna Sagona, lit the tree this year.

First Quarter Safety Inspection: Council Member David Preusch will conduct that safety inspection for the first quarter.

MML Legislative Dinner Update: Mayor Prats reported that he attended the Maryland Municipal Legislative Dinner and there were many people in attendance. Senator Montgomery and a commission from Brookville discussed tax duplication issues.

District 14 Changes: Senator Montgomery has now retired. Delegate, Craig Zucker will likely take her place in the State Senate. Patricia O'Neil will likely take Craig Zucker's place.

Mennonite Church Cleans Town Hall: The youth from the Mennonite Church will be cleaning the Town Hall on January 16. Mayor Prats stated that it is a nice event with lunch provided.

Work session: None scheduled.

Old Business:

Mobley Farm Lamp Posts: Mayor Prats reported that the heads for the lamp posts on Mobley Farm Drive have not come in yet. He also wants to get an estimate for replacing the poles. Council Member Preusch stated that he called Montgomery County Department of Public Works but got no answer.

New Business:

State Audit: Mayor Prats stated that Montgomery County has asked the State of Maryland to do an audit of the allocation of local income tax for municipalities.

Council Forum:

Council Member Jim Ruspi remarked that he is glad that we have the Christmas tree lighting. It is a nice event.

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Council Member Halvorson reported on the safety inspection that he conducted last quarter. What he found was that one out building was unlocked. The sidewalks were in good shape, but on Sundown Road, they are buckling due to the tree roots. The containment wall is ok. Lighting along Rt. 108 is bad in both directions. Brink Road is also bad, it is hard to see the sidewalks in the dark. A new cross walk was put in by the school across from the fire house. He inquired as to whether a crosswalk could be put in at Sundown and Second St. Mayor Prats responded that one cannot be put in going from sidewalk to sidewalk in that area. Council Member Halvorson also stated that the median on Sundown Road is in need of repair.

Residents Forum:

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Council Member Ruspi seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
January 5, 2016

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 2016:

For Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Day – Pick-up will be January 19

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For Monday, February 15, Presidents' Day – Pick up will be February 16

For Monday, May 30, Memorial Day – Pick up will be May 31

For Monday, July 4, Independence Day – Pick up will be July 5

For Monday, September 5, Labor Day – Pick up will be September 6

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.

ATTN HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENTS: Exterior home repairs may qualify for Montgomery County tax credits. For more information contact the Historic District Commission.