

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 3-1-16
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on April 5, 2016

Mayor Prats called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Members David Preusch, Jim Ruspi, Charles Bradsher and Larry Halvorson were present. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were three residents.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting on February 2, 2016 were approved as submitted.

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

Committees and Board Reports

Mayor's Update and Reports:

Construction Update: Mayor Prats stated that one house is being constructed on White House Lane. One foundation has been poured and another lot is being prepared. Houses are being constructed on the remaining the lots on Warfield Road. Utility poles have been moved on Brink Road and more building permits have been issued.

Election filing period: Mayor Prats stated that the election for 2 Council Members will be held on May 2 from 3 to 8 pm. The filing period for anyone interested in running for Council is March 4, 2016 to March 18, 2016 by 5 pm. Citizens who have resided in Laytonsville for a period of 30 days are eligible to vote.

Election Judges: Three people have signed up already, two more are needed. The election will be held from 3 to 8 pm on May 2, 2016.

Mobley Farm Drive Lighting: It has been determined that the fixtures on the new street lights that were installed on Mobley Farm Drive are too dim. Infrastructure Advisor, Wayne Keeler looked at the County standards. The Mayor stated that he and Infrastructure Advisor, Wayne Keeler would work with Boyland Electric to get them replaced.

Parade: The parade this year will be May 21. Charlie Kearse and Carrie Bohrer are co-chairs.

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Bulk Trash Pickup: The bulk trash pick-up will be April 11, 2016.

Website: Mayor Prats reported that the information on the Town Website is accurate. The Town Clerk keeps the information on the website current and frequently updated. The Mayor stated that Council Members need to update their profiles.

Work session: None scheduled.

Local income tax allocation: The State Comptroller's office distributes revenues from income tax to municipalities. There is an audit being done in Montgomery County but will expand statewide because people have identified themselves as living in a municipality when they do not, hence municipalities were overpaid. According to the Comptroller's office, Laytonsville is one of the municipalities that has been overpaid. They are saying that the overpayment is to be paid back to the state. Mayor Prats stated that he needs updated information before he would release any funds.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approval of Town Hall Interior Painting: An estimate was received from Androp Painting, 7321 Brink Road in Laytonsville for prepping and painting the Town Hall foyer, hall, rear entrance area, staircase, upper level hallway including main level dining room and both meeting room areas. All walls, ceilings, trim, windows and doors will be sanded and primed as needed. Plaster repairs on all cracks and nail holes will be done where needed on the walls. Two coats of paint to be applied throughout.

Mayor Prats thanked the Clerks for choosing the colors.

Jill Ruspi of 7111 Brink Road addressed the Council and commented on how grateful she was for all the work that Androp Painting had done on her house.

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Council Member Ruspi stated that the work done in his house was absolutely beautiful. Androp Painting had been recommended to him by the Assistant Clerk.

Council Member Ruspi made a motion to accept the estimate from Androp Painting to paint the interior of the Town Hall for a cost of \$6,687.00. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Council Forum:

Residents Forum: Jill Ruspi of 7111 Brink Road stated that if Laytonsville had a zip code that was only for Town residents, it would be easier to keep track of the number of people who actually live in the Town limits.

Sheree Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive, responded by saying that the zip code, 20882 used to be exclusive to the Town of Laytonsville. The zip code area was expanded to keep the post office.

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Council Member Halvorson seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington
Assistant Clerk
March 1, 2016

Bulk Trash Pick-up – April 11 - See town website for details

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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, 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.