

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 4-4-17  
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on May 2, 2017

There being a quorum, Mayor Jim Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:33p.m. Council Members Charles Bradsher, Dave Preusch, Jim O’Hair and Tom Burke were present. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were four residents.

Model Home for Laytonsville Grove: Mr. David Duncan, Vice President of Land Development for CalAtlantic presented a detailed overview of the Ashford model home with four elevations for approval from the Council. Council Member O’Hair made a motion to approve the Ashford with elevations A through D. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting that was held on March 7, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: There was no Treasurer’s report this month.

Committees and Board Reports

Old Business

Parade: Mayor Ruspi reported that the parade is on schedule.

Town Planner: Mayor Ruspi stated that Town Planner, Stan Benning has relocated to Solomon’s Island, Maryland. A certificate of appreciation is being prepared and will be sent to him. He has been a consultant for the Town for 30 years.

Eagle Project Update: The construction of the Little Free Library on Town Hall property was started. It will be a replica of the Town Hall. The base pole has already been installed.

Shed/Medical Locker Update: The Lions are working on restoring and rebuilding the shed. State Senator, Craig Zucker, informed the Mayor that a \$5,000 donation from the State will be forthcoming. Medical equipment stored in the shed will be loaned to the community as needed free of charge. Jill Ruspi of 7111 Brink Road stated that there was

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an article in the Olney News that mentioned the \$5,000 donation to the Laytonsville Lions Club for the shed project.

Meet & Greet: Mayor Ruspi will be continuing his visits to the residents. He has been accompanied by Council Member Burke when he visited Montgomery Avenue. Paul Simonett accompanied him on his visit to White House Lane. It was a pleasurable experience.

Budget and Tax Rates: Mayor Ruspi stated that the approval of the budget will be in May.

New Business

Town Birthday: On April 7 the town will be 125 years old. Sunflower seed packets are going to be handed out by the Council Members during the parade to commemorate the occasion. There will be a sunflower contest at the Town Picnic. Council Member Tom Burke offered to make a sign or banner to be put on the front porch of the Town Hall.

MML By-laws: The Montgomery Chapter's by-laws need to be revised. The Council was provided a copy to review prior to the meeting. Mayor Ruspi stated that the most important one is to be a member of the Montgomery Chapter one has to be a member of the MML. Council Member Preusch made a motion to accept the Montgomery Chapter By-laws as amended. Council Member O'Hair seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Mayor Ruspi also informed the Council of the upcoming meeting of the MML on June 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 if anyone was interested in attending.

Speed Camera MOU: Mayor Ruspi spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Laytonsville and Montgomery County concerning speed monitoring systems within the Town. A rather lengthy discussion followed with regards to keeping the camera where it is, moving it or adding more cameras. Council Member O'Hair made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as proposed. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. Council Member Preusch abstained. ***Approved.***

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Employee Compensation Resolution: Mayor Ruspi introduced Resolution R-02-17, a resolution to establish the compensation for employees of the Town of Laytonsville for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Mayor Ruspi stated that he would like to increase the cost of house cleaning to \$120.00. The remaining staff would receive a 5% increase. Council Member Preusch made a motion to accept Resolution R-02-17 for the salaries listed. Council Member Burke seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Event Planner: Christina Pellegrino has volunteered to be the Event Planner for the Town. She lives on Route 108 next to the firehouse. Mayor Ruspi thanked her for volunteering.

Town Election: The election for Mayor and two Council Members is on May 1. There is one candidate for Mayor and three candidates running for two seats on the Council.

Appointment of Election Judges: The Council was presented with four names of people who are interested in being election judges: Jill Ruspi, Christina Pellegrino, Obed Pellegrino and Ellie Gholami. Council Member O'Hair made a motion to appoint the four people as election judges. Council Member Bradsher seconded the motion. Council Member Preusch abstained. ***Approved.***

Roundabout Meeting: There is a meeting scheduled for April 25 at 7pm at the firehouse in Laytonsville where a representative from Natelli is going to discuss the upcoming construction of the roundabout. State Senator Craig Zucker will be in attendance.

Council: There was brief discussion regarding the possible removal of the sign at the north end of Town. No action was taken at this time.

It was mentioned that Boyland Electric will be replacing the street lights and painting the poles on Mobley Farm Drive this month.

Residents Forum

Sheree Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive extended a thank you to Christina Pellegrino for volunteering and joining the community.

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Adjournment: Council Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Council Member O’Hair seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington  
Assistant Clerk  
April 4, 2017

**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 2017:**

**For Monday, May 29, Memorial Day - Pick-up will be May 30**

**For Monday, September 4, Labor Day – Pick-up will be September 5**

**For Monday, December 25, Christmas Day – Pick-up will be December 26**

**For Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year’s Day – Pick-up will be January 2**

**Please continue to separate recycling materials.**

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**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Also, there are other positions open on the Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Parks and Trails Task Force. If interested in any of these positions contact the Town Hall at 301-869-0042.