

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 5-2-17  
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on June 6, 2017

There being a quorum, Mayor Jim Ruspi called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 8:00 p.m. Council Members Charles Bradsher, Dave Preusch, Jim O’Hair and Tom Burk were present. The Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also present as were five residents.

Minutes: The minutes from the Town Council Meeting that was held on April 4, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of March 2017. Total Income for the month of March was \$6,996 with \$2,046 coming from Reimbursement and \$3,937 coming from Income Tax. In the CIP fund, \$49 was Interest Income. Major Expenses for the month of March were \$2,703 for Accounting, \$2,688 for Payroll and \$2,941 for Waste Collection. The Total Expenses for the month of March 2017 were \$12,904. General Net Income for the month of March was -\$5,908 with \$49 in the CIP fund. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of March 2017, the fund balances for the general fund was \$1,117,771, for the CIP account, the balance was \$129,342 and the fixed assets were \$903,054. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for March 2017 was \$2,150,167.

The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of April 2017. Total Income for the month of April was \$6,970 with \$2,817 coming from Miscellaneous and \$1,468 coming from Income Tax. In the CIP fund, \$49 was Interest Income. Major Expenses for the month of April 2017 were \$2400 for Consultants, \$7,530 for Payroll Expenses, \$2,763 for Snow Removal and \$2,941 for Waste Collection. A total of \$35,000 was transferred out. Total Expenses for the month of April 2017 were \$58,717. General Net Income for the month of April was -\$51,747 with \$49 in the CIP fund. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of April 2017, the fund balances for the general fund was \$1,068,482, for the CIP account, the balance was \$164,140 and the fixed assets were \$903,054. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonsville for April 2017 was \$2,135,677.

Council Member Preusch made a motion to approve the March and April Treasurer’s report subject to audit. Council Member O’Hair seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

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Committees and Board Reports

Eric Wenger, Chairman of the Planning Commission gave an update to the Council regarding storm water management and lighting in the Laytonsville Grove subdivision. He also mentioned that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 18.

Jill Ruspi of 7111 Brink Road stated that the Parks and Trails Task Force has been looking into the cost of playground equipment for Miller Park. She will be forthcoming with future plans for that area.

Old Business

Roundabout Meeting: The meeting was held on April 25 at the firehouse. Council Members Bradsher and Burke along with Mayor Ruspi and State Senator Craig Zucker were in attendance. Approximately 50 people were present.

Parade: Mayor Ruspi reported that the parade is scheduled for May 20. Four dignitaries will attend. Council Members are being asked to hand out sunflower seeds. A contest for the best sunflower heads will take place in September.

Work Session: No work session is scheduled.

New Business

Approval FY 18 Budget and Ad Valorem Tax: Council Member Preusch made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 02-17, an ordinance adopting the town budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and levying an ad valorem tax on all assessable property within the Town of Laytonsville, Maryland. Council Member O'Hair seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Election Results: The election for Mayor and two Council Members was held on May 1. Forty-five residents had voted. Mayor Ruspi was elected for a two year term. Council Member Preusch was not reelected. He has served on the Council for 22 years and worked with four mayors. Mayor Ruspi thanked him for his service to the Town.

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Council Member Preusch congratulated the newly elected Council Members: Tom Burke and Paul Simonetti. He stated that he is sure they will do a good job.

Sundown Road Sidewalks: Mayor Ruspi reported that the County will be replacing the sidewalk on Sundown Road.

Residents Forum

Eric Wenger of 6715 Maple Knoll Drive spoke about the importance of the meeting that was held concerning the roundabout. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the citizens about what was about to occur. Ground was broken this month and storm water management is underway. PEPCO and Verizon are moving poles. He also stated that the Town should hold the developer to the highest standards of safety. Hours of construction are to be from 9 am to 3 pm. Construction should be completed in 4 to 5 months.

Mayor Ruspi thanked Eric for his help in educating the public in this matter and stated that if anyone at any time has any specific knowledge or expertise on a town matter, they are welcome to help out.

Adjournment: Council Member Preusch made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Council Member O'Hair seconded the motion. ***Unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Whittington  
Assistant Clerk  
May 2, 2017

**Trash/Recycling Update**

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**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.**

**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**

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**Force. If interested in any of these positions contact the Town Hall at 301-869-0042.**