

Minutes of the April 11, 2006

Regular Monthly Meeting Town of Myersville

Mayor Wayne Creadick called the regular Town monthly meeting to order with the opening of the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Mark Hinkle, Gary DeMoss, Jeff Woods, Judy Boone and Kevin Self were present.

The acceptance of the minutes Public Hearing from February 14, 2006 was approved. The comments/discussion from the March 14, 2006 meeting was filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ray Hinkle gave the Treasurers Report,

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Corporal Michael Grumwell gave the Deputy's Report. Community Resident Deputy Harris was in training. A copy is on file for Public Review.

Corporal Grumwell stated that the speed wagon will be available to Myersville for at least a month. It will be placed in different locations through out the Town.

PLANNING REPORT:

Chairman Mark Etheridge gave the April Planning Report. A copy is on file for the Public to review.

ZONING REPORT

Town Planner Kristin Aleshire gave the Zoning Report:

- Posted notice to a Canada Hill resident about a camper parked in the street.
- Received complain from Town resident about the location of a porta-potty.
- The fire station grading issue has been resolved.
- Recommends that the Town adopt the Forest Resource Ordinance. Kristin will draft a copy and introduce it at the May meeting.

PROJECT OPEN SPACE:

- POS money is now available. The Town will put an application in for this.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPORT:

Mark Hinkle gave the Municipal Building update.

- They are working towards completions at this time.
- Work will be done on the back parking lot first.
- Base coat of blacktop and curbs needs to be done yet.
- Demolition will not be done to the old station until the banquet hall can get an occupancy permit.

WATER SOURCE PROTECTION:

Earle Villarreal, MES Systems Supervisor presented the Town with the Monthly Water Report, which was read by Mayor Creadick. A copy of this report is on file for public review.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Baseball has signed the Park Users agreement for the year.

MAYORS UPDATES ON PROJECTS:

- Library was scheduled for 2007-2012. It has been push back to 2008-2013. If the citizens of the Town want it sooner they need to contact the Frederick County Commissioners and let their voice be heard. At this time other municipalities with branch libraries are looking to have them expanded. It is recommended that you express your concern and the Mayor and Council will continue to express theirs as well.
- Tax Equity – The Towns period of money from the Deputy Program should be coming back to us. It should be around \$34,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Review Fees - Kristin handed out spreadsheet's reflecting several options for the Mayor and Council to decide on.

The four options were:

- 1) Leaving the fees the same
- 2) Adopting fees that are consistent with the updated fee schedule currently being considered by Middletown
- 3) Adopting fees as recommended by the Planning Commission, which doubles all fees.
- 4) Adopting fees as proposed by staff, which includes a review of PC recommendation, staff time per item, and costs associated with review by outside Town contracted services.

The Planning and Zoning Committee proposed that minimum fees be increased to reflect increased cost for both in house staff time as well as engineering and legal services that are used by the Town. It would be beneficial to adopt the fees as it relates to the permits chart consistent to Middletown. They also recommend a combination of increases along with simple separating out fees charged by engineering and legal service to be passed onto the applicant for items that require additional services. This does not address fees for water and sewer contribution for new developments. This is an item that the Mayor and Council may wish to consider prior to the completion of the planning process of several developments currently in the planning stage.

The Planning Review Fees has been introduced and a Public Hearing will be held at the May meeting.

Payment to the Myersville Baseball League for mowing – Mayor Creadick has spoken to Alec Schumacher about the Town agreeing to share the cost for the mowing of Big Doubs and Little Doubs. The amount that will be paid to them is the quote that was received from Brian Thompson which was a lower estimate.

It has been noted from Alec Schumacher that the bathrooms at the Town Hall will be kept locked during the games. They will be using the porta potty located on the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annexation of property at Route 17 and Route 40. Kristin Aleshire, Town Planner announced that the 1.9 acres of parcel land at Route 40 and Route 17 across from Doub's Meadow Park is currently zoned agriculture. The subject property has been proposed to be used for the Frederick County Fraternal Order of Police. Myersville Open Space classification has been requested in the Resolution of Annexation, which allows for clubrooms, club grounds, meeting halls and public building and facilities. The 1966 Myersville Master Plan designates the Property as Open Space for flood plain lands of Middle and Catoclin Creek. Adjoining properties to the north, south and west are also designated Open Space. The adjoining property across US Route 40 to the east is designated as Agricultural by the County. The Town owns the land and it needs to be in the jurisdiction of the Town. This property was acquired in the late 1990's.

At this time the Fraternal Order of Police – (FOP) is interested in putting in a lodge on that parcel of land. This would allow the Deputies of Frederick County to have a place to park their cars according to Corporal Grumwell. He also stated that this property is centrally located. It is not a substation but a lodge. He feels that it would be beneficial to the Town.

A motion to accept petition for annexation to this property was made by Gary DeMoss and second by Kevin Self.

Expanding Waste Removal contract to include yard waste pickup 1 time per week from April through October/November. This would eliminate the roll off trash bin. Mayor Creadick attended the COG meeting and found it very effective. As of May 1, 2006 County yard waste ordinance states that no yard waste in trash. The County will give everyone the summer without a fine, but next year you will be fined if yard waste is found in your trash. The dumpster has been working well here at the Town. Gary DeMoss stated that he prefers the current system. The Mayor wants everyone to think about it for now.

Mayor Creadick read a letter from a resident about animal waste. It was stated that they are to be referenced to the Frederick County Animal Control. Mayor Creadick will follow up with a response letter.

Tracey Derr has written Mayor Creadick about getting a room in the Town Hall for a Dance Studio. After some discussion Mayor Creadick will follow up with a letter that it is optional.

The four candidates for the upcoming election on May 8, 2006 at the Town Hall from 2 PM to 7 PM were heard.

- Matthew Pridham from Ashley works for the DC Fire Department and he stated that he will give it a shot to keep the Town small. He has served on the Ashley Board for 2 terms.
- Michelle Tartaglia has been a Deerwoods resident for 9 years. She has 3 children and is involved with school, scouts and local sports. She is interested in government at all levels. She was a Public Health Commission Educator. She is currently a stay at home Mom. She feels that she can now give more time to decision making in Town and she would like to play a part in that.
- Mark Flynn is a Church Hill resident. He is employed with the K9 Division. He feels a need to serve the Town and is looking forward to it.
- Jeff Woods incumbent is a Canada Hill Development resident. He has contributed to issues that have faced the Town. His main concern is the amount of people that comes out to vote. At the last election there were only 30. He encourages everyone to come out and vote.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Mayor Creadick spoke of his "Thanks" on the plaque that the Town received at the Fire Company Banquet in March.

Ray Hinkle, President of the Myersville Volunteer Fire Company spoke about the billing of ambulance service. Everyone that is on the tax roll gets to subscribe for ambulance service. If you subscribe you will not get billed for any ambulance service that you receive. This is all handled by the County. The Fire Company does not receive any percentage from the fire tax either. This all goes to Frederick County.

Next workshop will be May 3, 2006 at 7 PM with Scott Miller and Ed Smargia. The budget will be discussed also.

Mark Etheridge asked about trash pick up. Where he lives he has a public curb right away. He cleans up numerous items from the street. He would like to know what he can do with the pine needles and such if they can't be put into the regular trash. Ray Hinkle stated that the Fire Company can flush the curb for him.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Woods and seconded by Judy Boone.

Next Town meeting will May 9, 2006 at 7 PM.