

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP
JUNE 1, 2009**

A Workshop meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on June 1, 2009, at the Williamsport Town Hall in Williamsport, MD at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were:

Mayor James G. McCleaf II
Assistant Mayor Tony Drury
Council member Timothy Fraker
Council member James Kalbfleisch
Councilwoman Joan Knode
Councilwoman Tearza Knode

Also, present Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk

Guests

Mayor McCleaf introduced John Lestian, City of Hagerstown's Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lestian explained to the Mayor and Council how code enforcement works within the City of Hagerstown. Code Enforcement helps with safety and health in the community. Community Block Grant money helps fund the Code Enforcement Office in the City of Hagerstown. Mr. Lestian explained about the Vacant Residential Structure Program. If a residence is vacant for more than 12 months they must have an interior and exterior inspection, and pay a \$100.00 fee to register the structure. For the Commercial Program in the downtown area, if a storefront is vacant for more than 6 months they must register the property. Mr. Lestian also reviewed the Nuisance Abatement Code with the Mayor and Council. Mayor McCleaf asked Councilwoman T. Knode to head up the Code Enforcement Task Force for the Town of Williamsport.

Unfinished Business

Mayor James McCleaf II reviewed the proposed water and sewer rates for 2009/2010 for the Town of Williamsport. He asked the Council to consider a 7% increase. Discussion was held.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II held discussion on a plan to use Inmate Labor and Royal Construction to assist residents in having their sidewalks repaired in the Town of Williamsport.

New Business

Mayor James G. McCleaf II reviewed with the Council that the Springfield Barn needs a Fire Sprinkler System. The Mayor informed the Council that he would like an ad to be placed in the paper for bids for the sprinkler system for the Springfield Barn. The ad will be placed after the June 8, 2009 Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II held discussion on a Nuisance Ordinance and reviewed what neighboring municipalities currently have in effect.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II held discussion on a Trespassing Ordinance for the Byron Memorial Park. He also reviewed what neighboring municipalities currently have in effect and advised the Council that he would like to enact a similar Ordinance for the Byron Memorial Park.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II held discussion on proposed Water and Sewer Connection Fees for the Town of Williamsport. The Mayor presented the Council with the current charges from neighboring municipalities for review. Assistant Mayor Drury will follow-up and make a recommendation to the Mayor & Council.

Councilwoman Knode met with Lesley Hendrickson of the Washington County Ag Center to set up a Farmers Market during the months of July and August. Springfield Barn area would be used as the site for the Farmers Market. The Council agreed to place ads in the newspaper to help set the Farmers Market up. The hours would be Thursdays from 3:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. beginning Thursday July 2, 2009.

Councilman Fraker asked about the open burning at the Williamsport Nursing Home. Fire Chief Ball informed the Mayor and Council that this was not allowed and he would resolve this matter immediately. Mayor McCleaf II will follow up on this matter.

Councilman Fraker also asked about capping Section 8 for the Town of Williamsport. Junior Brown held discussion on Section 8 Housing. Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski is addressing this issue.

William Ball, Williamsport Volunteer Fire Chief, held discussion on the fire siren on the clock tower in the downtown area of the Town of Williamsport. H explained why he felt this siren was necessary in the Town.

Councilwoman T. Knode reported that “Holders” will play at the July 4th Celebration. The Band will play from 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Councilwoman T, Knode also reported on the walk/bike path for the Byron Memorial Park. She met with Thrasher Engineering on this matter. She also reported that she and Councilwoman J. Knode are working on a Summer Concert Series to will be held at the Byron Memorial Park, that a stop sign is missing in the senior center and also asked that work begin on the “welcome” sign for Byron Memorial Park. Councilwoman T. Knode also held discussion possible programs in the park for teenage kids.

Citizen Participation

Junior Brown reported that Ronnie Byers is pursuing a dollar General Store for the downtown area.

Mayor McCleaf II reported that he was contacted by Columbia Gas to pipe gas thru the Town of Williamsport. A meeting has been scheduled to meet with Columbia Gas on June 18 at 11:00a.m. at the Town Hall concerning this matter.

Councilwoman J. Knode reported that she has received (4) bids for repairs to the back porch of the Library.

A motion was made by Councilwoman T. Knode, seconded by Councilman Kalbfleisch to adjourn, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotelmyer
Town Clerk
Town of Williamsport