

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

A Workshop meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on November 2, 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
Councilwoman Joan Knode
Councilwoman Tearza Knode
Councilman Tim Fraker
Council member Monty Jones

Also, present Donnie Stotelmyer, Town Clerk

Guests

Mayor McCleaf introduced Tim Ammons of Advantage Landscape of Clear Spring MD. Mr. Ammons explained how his contract works for the snow removal/mowing for the Town of Williamsport. He is offering the Town of Williamsport a 12-month contract for snow removal/mowing at \$2825.27 per month for a total of \$33,903.25. This contract would begin November 2009. He is also offering a bonus for accepting this contract he would contract 40 yards of mulch (any color) at no cost to the Town and if the snow accumulation does not exceed 7 inches for the year no payment would be necessary for the month of October 2010. Discussion was held.

Unfinished Business

Mayor McCleaf reminded the Council that at the last Council Meeting that a 5% water increase was introduced and a vote would take place at the next Council Meeting to be held on November 9, 2009.

Mayor McCleaf informed the Council that the Boat Ramp Project is proceeding along and Thrasher Engineering will be hosting a pre-bid meeting scheduled for November 11, 2009 at 1:00p.m. at the Town Hall of Williamsport. The opening of the submitted bid proposals will be held on November 25, 2009 at 1:00p.m. at the Town Hall of Williamsport.

Mayor McCleaf then held discussion on the Fall Cleanup for the Town of Williamsport. It was decided that due to budget restraints a fall cleanup was not going to be held this year but residents are reminded that bulk pickups are available on the first Friday of every month for household trash at no cost or yard waste will be picked up on the second Friday of every month for \$15.00 a backhoe scoop.

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on the USDA loan for pump station rehab and the MDE loan for project 2 of the I&I project and the associated sewer increases. These increases would be necessary to cover the debt from the loans. Ms. Julie Pippel, Director of the Washington

County Division of Environmental Management, is looking over the feasibility of this project and if will be cost effective.

New Business

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on changing the date of the Town of Williamsport Christmas Parade from December 4 to December 6, 2009 at 5:00p.m. He asked that that all participants show up at the Water Tower at 4:00 p.m. to line up. Assistant Mayor Anthony Drury will be announcing the parade. Mayor McCleaf asked that Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk contact Councilman Kalbfleisch to coordinate the Christmas luminaries in the Byron Memorial Park with the Boy Scout Troop 17 of Williamsport. Councilwoman T. Knode and Councilwoman J. Knode agreed to serve refreshments after the parade at the Community Building. Councilman Monty Jones will be playing Santa Claus for the parade.

Mayor McCleaf reported that Santa is scheduled to be in Byron Memorial Park on December 16-19, 2009.

Councilwoman J. Knode informed the Mayor and Council that the Museum Committee would be accepting donations of artificial trees. These trees would then be decorated and placed on display at the Springfield Barn on December 13, 2009 from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. On that day they would also be taking participants on a bus ride through the Town of Williamsport to see the Christmas Lights throughout the Town. Mayor McCleaf suggested that this be run in conjunction with the tour that the residents of the Williamsport Nursing Home and then all participants can vote in the Christmas Light contest. He asked that Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk, make the arrangements for this.

Mayor McCleaf reminded the Council that the Town of Williamsport Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for December 18, 2009 at the Williamsport Fire Hall. Social Hour is from 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. with dinner following.

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on the upcoming “Millie Run” scheduled for November 14, 2009. They are asking permission to place “no parking” signs on N. Conococheague to accommodate the numerous motorcycles that participate in this event. The consensus of the Council was to allow the “no parking” signs.

Assistant Mayor Tony Drury reported to the Mayor and Council that the Williamsport Moose Family Center was extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the First Annual Community Meal to be held on November 22, 2009 from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

Assistant Mayor Tony Drury also reported that the Rehoboth United Methodist Church is sponsoring an Old Fashioned Dinner this Saturday November 7, 2009 and was inviting the Mayor and Council to attend.

Mayor McCleaf reported that the Maryland State Highway Administration has awarded the Town of Williamsport \$30,000.00 for construction of a recreational trails program in Byron Memorial Park.

Citizen Participation

Mr. Ken Lafferty, town resident, expressed his concerns with the open burning that is happening in the Town Limits. He was informed that his concerns would have to be brought to the attention of the Fire Department. He then asked if the squatting issue down by the

Conococheague Creek had been addressed. He was informed that Mr. Richard Grimm, Zoning Administrator, and Mr. Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk, had already served notice that the property had to be vacated within 30 days. He also expressed his concerns with the large group of youth congregating on the street corner of W. Salisbury and Vermont. This occurred on October 28, 2009 at approximately 1:00 a.m. the Washington County Sheriffs Department was contacted. Mayor McCleaf informed Mr. Lafferty that he would ask the local deputies to monitor the situation. Mr. Lafferty then informed the Mayor and Council that he had contacted Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk, concerning a truck that is being parked on W. Salisbury St. with out-of state tags. He is stating that if they are taking up residency in the State of Maryland they must get Maryland tags within 30 days of moving here.

Junior Brown, town resident, questioned the Mayor and Council concerning the recent Riverview Cemetery vandalism and asked if there was anything that could be done so that the four youth be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. He was advised that this was a decision for the Courts not the Council.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotemyer
Town Clerk
Town of Williamsport