

TC meeting minutes

April 9, 2024

Attendees: Mayor Yeager, Comm. Bush, Comm. Carver, Jeannette DeLude

Public – Earle Dempsey – First State Inspection Agency

The meeting was called to order at 6pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted

Treasurer's report approved was approved as submitted

Public Works Report – approved.

Old Business

Blessing of the Planters – no one showed up except Pastor Krupla. It is believed that the rain date, weather, and conflicting events caused the attendance issues. The food has been frozen to use for Kids event over the summer. The event will be held again next year. The committee is still planning for 3rd weekend in March for next year. They will reuse the seed bags the Levengoods had created. Pastor Dale Krupla said his facility is open for us to use. Let them know the date of our kids event and we can use their pavilion and they will help promote the events to their congregation.

School moving – Ms. DeLude attended a meeting with CCED, Jonestown Community Development Foundation and Mr. McCrae regarding moving the old school to Jonestown. The only issue at this point is funding to get it moved. Grants will be applied for. Ms. DeLude agreed to contact Jeannie Haddaway Riccio at Rauch Engineering to see if she could help with the grants and she also sent an email to the Senators and Delegates to see they could assist with the project.

Pinwheel Project for CASA.- Pinwheels were delivered and will be displayed to show support for the fight against childhood abuse. Ms. DeLude will take pictures of the display and send to CASA for their files.

Public hearing for the budget

The public hearing was opened by Comm. Carver.

No public comment was received

The public hearing was closed.

Mission Statement – reviewed Ms. Deb’s suggested statement. Unanimously approved to approve with minor wording changes.

Town Election – Town Elections will be on the 1st Tuesday in May. Mr. Kyle Crossley has shown interest in running but has not turned in a candidate form yet. Mayor Yeager will be running again.

Town Manager Report – approved as submitted

Ms. DeLude advised the board that Jesse Cook a former Commissioner and husband of the current Mayor of Henderson has passed away. They are having trouble with funding for the burial due to low life insurance. The Town agreed to make a donation to the Cook Family in the amount of \$500

Landlord Licensing Ordinance

Mr. Dempsey stated he had reviewed the current ordinance he felt the “Or Designee” inclusion in the ordinance was important. He also stated the definition for “Residential Rental Dwelling Unit” currently states its for rentals over 30 days. He suggested we may want to consider including short term rental Air BNB as that is becoming more and more common.

We need to define the term family and limit to # of generations for waiver of rental license options.

Inspections – an inspection should be completed for new rental licenses and then must be inspected prior to renting on an annual basis as part of the licensing process.

The inspection period and licensing renewal should match and both be one year.

We need to setup specific period for inspections to make it uniform for all landlords and also helps with scheduling for the inspection agency.

Inspections – allow 30 days minimum to abate violations

Use IPMC is a continued recommendation. The Town needs to update to the latest version (2021) as per Maryland law.

Chaney -

Reviewed MOU and all agreed that we could move forward. The council unanimously approved for Mayor Yeager to sign the MOU after the following is corrected/amended..

- \$5k rationale – ok to remove, this was suggested by Kyle Murray , the town has no preference on this.

- Ok with amend to annex as stated by the attorney

- zoning ordinance section # will be verified

Budget Ordinance 2024-01 Introduced to be adopted at the next meeting.

Floor plans – Town Hall and Train Station plans were approved as submitted by Rauch Engineering and Ms. DeLude will advise them to move forward with the bids

Sheriff's Dept – The number of hours the Town pays the Sheriff's dept has steadily increased the last few months. Comm. Carver expressed concern about the amount the town can afford to pay. After discussing the situation the council agreed to ask the Sheriff's department to cap the number of hours worked to 24 hours per month. Mayor Yeager stated he would contact the Sheriff about it.

Mayor Yeager talked to Brandon at Greensboro PW regarding the patching of the roads. They were unable to get together to look at them due to the weather. Mayor Yeager will continue to work with them as the weather gets better.

A suggestion was made by Sherry Levengood to do a Labor Day yard sale at the park. She suggested we could charge \$5 per space to raise funds for Blessing of the Planters for next year. The council was ok with moving forward on this idea.

The need to connect with the Hispanic community was discussed. Ms. DeLude agreed to talk to the Pastor/Minister at Hispanic church to see if they could come to a meeting to discuss ways to make a connection with their community. Ms. DeLude will invite them to the June meeting.

The Mayor reported that the house on Oldtown Rd at the end with the food truck has a bunch of goats. Ms. DeLude was advised to send them a letter telling them farm animals are not allowed in town.

The council asked Ms. DeLude to look up the dates set for events and send to council.

The meeting was adjourned 7:51pm.

