

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKSHOP
November 3, 2015**

A Workshop meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on November 3rd, 2015, at the Williamsport Town Hall in Williamsport, MD at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were:

Mayor James G. McCleaf II

Asst. Mayor Joan Knode

Councilman Bill Green

Councilman Jim Kalbfleisch

Councilman Dustin Byers

Councilman Scott Bragunier

Councilman Alan Redding

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski

Also present Town Clerk Donnie Stotelmyer

Mayor James G. McCleaf II called the meeting to order.

Guests

Mayor McCleaf introduced Sherriff Mullendore. Sherriff Mullendore with the Washington County Sherriff's Department was present to discuss concerns for the safety of the Town of Williamsport. Mayor McCleaf called on Town Clerk, Donnie Stotelmyer to update the Council on past meetings with Sherriff Mullendore. Mr. Stotelmyer said they have tried to meet with the Sherriff on a quarterly basis to discuss some of the ongoing issues we face in Williamsport such as the truck traffic, bicycle use throughout town and other concerns. Mr. Stotelmyer reported there was citizen participation at these meetings. Mayor explained there are a lot questions about what the Sherriff's office can and cannot enforce and that is the main reason why the Mayor requested this meeting tonight.

Town resident, Mr. Ken Lafferty asked if the Sherriff's Department is enforcing the town ordinances and are they enforcing state laws. Sheriff Mullendore said some of the things that Mr. Lafferty wants to be enforced are minor like the issues with the kids on bicycles and skateboards. Sherriff Mullendore also said some of the town ordinances need to be updated to be compliant with Maryland State Law. Sherriff Mullendore explained that there are four D DAT zones in Washington County. These zones are recognized as high crime areas. Williamsport is one of the four D DAT zones. The County requires that each deputy on duty or Maryland State Trooper is required to pick a zone and patrol that zone for 30 minutes each shift. He said this is why you often see Maryland State troopers and other police personnel in Williamsport. Mr. Lafferty further explained kids are riding bikes the wrong way and dangerously. Sherriff Mullendore said the resident Deputy can help patrol these minor issues if that is what the town would like, but the other officers who are patrolling this area because it is a D DAT zone will not be handling those types of calls. Sherriff Mullendore explained that since January 1, 2015 the Sherriff's Department has responded to 4,241 calls just within the corporate limits of Williamsport. Most calls are related to domestic, drunk drivers, and burglaries. 7% of all calls that come into the County are coming from Williamsport. There have been 62 arrests in Williamsport since January 1, 2015.

Councilman Jim Kalbfleisch questioned Sherriff Mullendore about the truck traffic through the town. Sherriff Mullendore said there needs to be more and better signage through town to better direct the trucks. The current signage doesn't give trucks enough notice for them to be able to turn around. Mayor McCleaf said a lot of the trucks coming through town are coming from our local businesses and they should know the new traffic regulations by now. The town has communicated with the local businesses and with the quarry to notify them of the truck traffic regulations. The business leader down at the quarry in particular has been very helpful in trying to prevent trucks hauling out of their business coming through town.

Town resident, Walter Williams raised the concern about the methadone clinic located just outside of town. Sherriff Mullendore said since they relocated the clinic, there have been no issues. There haven't been any traffic issues and there have been no issues with crime related to that building.

Mayor McCleaf thanked Sherriff Mullendore for coming and meeting with the Mayor and Council this evening.

Mayor McCleaf asked the Council to move into Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotelmyer
Town Clerk, Town of Williamsport