

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORKSHOP  
June 2, 2014**

A Workshop meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on June 2, 2014, 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 J. Alan Redding  
Councilman James Kalbfleisch  
Councilman Bill Green  
Councilwoman Maya Haines  
Councilman Scott Bragunier  
Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski

Also present Town Clerk Donnie Stotelmyer

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

**Guests**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

Mayor James McCleaf explained the Council would need to adopt a 6.0% sewer rate increase passed on by the Washington County Commissioners.

Mayor James McCleaf explained the Council would need to adopt a 4.0% water rate increased passed on by the City of Hagerstown.

Mayor James McCleaf explained the Council would need to adopt the Town of Williamsport 2015 Fiscal Budget.

Mayor McCleaf informed the Council the bid opening for the Fitness Trail will be opened at the regular council meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He would like the bids to be opened and awarded at this meeting.

Councilman Bill Green reported to the Mayor and Council about the Rockin' Riverbottom Event on September 13, 2014. He informed the Council that himself and Town Clerk, Donnie Stotelmyer met with Antietam Cable this past Friday, May 30, 2014 to discuss fundraising for the event. It was determined that the Town would need to seek a non-profit partner that has a designation of a 501-3C so we could obtain a corporate sponsorship in order to fund this event. Councilwoman Maya Haines raised concerns about postings that appeared on the Rockin' Riverbottom and the Town facebook pages announcing that the event was cancelled. She then stated there were postings on the facebook pages that the event

was back on. When it reappeared that the event was back on, it was confusing. She questioned Councilman Bill Green on who owned the facebook page for Rockin' Riverbottom Event. Councilman Bill Green informed her Rick Parks is the one who created the facebook page for Rockin' Riverbottom. Councilwoman Maya Haines feels the town should control that page. She would like to see the Town manage the page. She also wanted to know how the Rockin' Riverbottom page was shared on the Town Facebook page. Town Clerk Donnie Stotemyer explained that event coordinator, Cyndi Powell shared the post from the Rockin' Riverbottom page onto the Town's Facebook page. Councilman Scott Bragunier informed the Mayor and Council that Rick Parks is a volunteer and he created the facebook page and therefore he administers the page. Councilwoman Maya Haines would like to see the event coordinator, Cyndi Powell added to the administrative list to help monitor this page. Councilman Bill Green reported they found five strong local bands and a sponsor to pay for the event this year. He thinks by having the event paid for already this year, any moneys raised will help offset the deficit from last year's event.

### **New Business**

Town Clerk Donnie Stotemyer explained to the Mayor and Council we would like to purchase a second town vehicle a 2013 Ford E-350 Truck at a cost of \$35,854.00 to further update our aging fleet of vehicles. The Mayor and Council were all in agreement to purchase this agreement with moneys that will be budgeted in the 2016 Fiscal Budget.

Mayor James McCleaf shared a letter from St. Augustine's Church raising concerns about blocking of an alley from W. Salisbury Street that leads to their parking lot during the C&O Canal Days. Blocking that alley limits accessibility into and out of that parking area. Mayor McCleaf asked Town Clerk Donnie Stotemyer and Councilman Bill Green to evaluate Father John's concerns and to come back to the Council meeting with a recommendation of how best to address his concerns. Mrs. Kramer, C&O Committee Chair, was present at tonight's meeting and she said she would like to see the event where it was last year along Potomac Street. Father John was also present at tonight's meeting. He said he was just raising concerns he has a large congregation attending two services over the weekend. Mayor James McCleaf said if the Council is going to consider moving this event back to Potomac Street then we need to take into consideration the construction going on at the new Sheetz store and demolition on the Wolfe's Site.

Mayor James McCleaf informed the Council we will need to award the water tower project to Titan Industrial Services of Baltimore at a cost of \$268,625.00 at the regular council meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Assistant Mayor Joan Knode reported she sent a letter to the Washington County Antique Tractor Club expressing the C&O Canal Days committee's disappointment with their recent request for payment of a fee for their participating in this event. She explained that the WCATC has utilized the Springfield Barn grounds for free in the last two years, and the committee was dismayed that the WCATC was now trying to charge the C&O Canal Days committee a fee for having them to come out and provide transportation of patrons from the park area down to the Cushwa basin. In the letter she expressed to them that the committee will pay no such fee and that we wish to stick with the same agreement as the years past. However, she would like to suggest moving the tractors away from the barn and closer to pavilion #2.

Councilman Alan Redding reported the pool is now open. There were a few maintenance issues, but they have all been resolved.

Councilman Scott Bragunier reported on the Double Days Event held this past weekend. He said the event went well and the night firing of the cannons was great. He reported Maryland Tourism was present videotaping the firing of the cannons and the different encampments. He reported the Kelly Miller Circus will be in town this Wednesday, June 4th, 2014. If you haven't already gotten your tickets, please get them now. Councilman Scott Bragunier questioned Mayor McCleaf about the Leo Club purchasing a water fountain for in Byron Memorial Park to see if there were any updates. Had it been purchased and when would it be installed. Mayor McCleaf said he will follow up with Jim Wollard with the Lion's Club to see where they are with this project. Councilman Scott Bragunier would like to see the Mayor and Council consider contacting a relator for when the Town obtains the old Sheetz building to start marketing or considering options for that property.

Mayor James McCleaf reported he scheduled a meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00am with Sherriff Mullendore to discuss some concerns that the Mayor and Council have with the Washington County Sherriff's Department. Councilman Scott Bragunier responded he would like to see the town work with Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski to create a timeline to implementing speed cameras within the school zones in Williamsport. Mayor McCleaf stated he has had a lot of residents question him concerning the need for a resident deputy. The Town residents don't see the need to have a resident deputy. Mayor McCleaf said if we have an emergency call the police department needs to respond. He thinks there always seems to be deputies and sheriffs in town and he wants the Council to consider whether we want to continue a contract with having a resident deputy.

### **Citizen Participation**

Jennifer DePalma, committee chair for Harvest Hoedown was present to discuss this upcoming event. She raised concerns about last year's event where two groups of young adults who were destructive and putting their cigarettes out on the pumpkins in the late evening hours. She wanted to know if the town could arrange for patrolling of the area that weekend in the evenings. Mayor James McCleaf said that is not a problem and we will arrange to have someone on duty to patrol the area.

Councilman Scott Bragunier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Alan Redding. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor & Council workshop meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotemyer  
Town Clerk, Town of Williamsport