**TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on March 8, 2021 at the Williamsport Town Hall Williamsport, MD at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Mayor William Green

Asst. Mayor Earle Pereschuk

Councilman Ken Lafferty

Councilman Jim Braswell

Councilman Charles Brown

Councilman Jim Kalbfleisch

Councilman Michael Nokes

Town Manager Donnie Stotelmyer

Town Clerk Treasurer Emily Rider

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski

Mayor William Green called the meeting to order.

**Financial Report**

Town Clerk Emily Rider gave the February financial report Councilman Jim Braswell made a motion to accept as presented seconded by Asst. Mayor Earle Pereschuk.

With all voting in favor, motion carried.

**Guests**

No guests

**Correspondence**

No correspondence presented.

**Reports**

**Board of Elections Supervisor**

Board of Elections Chairperson Steve Danfelt presented the Council with the results of the 2021 Election. Below is what he presented to the council for approval. He also recommended changes to the Town of Williamsport election policy and would like to work with the Mayor and Council to follow through with changes. A motion was made by Councilman Jim Braswell to accept the election results as presented. This motion was seconded by Councilman James Kalbfleisch. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

March 4, 2021

To: Mayor and Council

From: Williamsport Board of Elections Subject: Municipal Election Results

The 2021 Town Election held on Monday March 1,2021 has been concluded. The following candidates received the highest number of votes resulting in the following seats:

Williams (Bill) Green- Mayor

Dennis Grove- Assistant Mayor

Charles Brown- Council Person

Margaret Yaukey- Council Person

There was a total of 27 absentee ballots requested, and a total of 26 ballots returned within the allotted time allowed by the Town Charter.

A total of two (2) Provisional ballots were collected and processed.

We are requesting the Mayor and Council to accept the Election results of the 2021 Town Election.



**Board of Zoning and Appeals**

No report

**History and Museum Board**

No report

**Planning Commission**

No report

**Land Use**

Linda Kuczynski Land Administrator reported that she has received an application for a major renovation project at Springfield Middle School.

**Legal Council**

No Report.

**Sheriff’s Report**

Mayor Green presented the February Sheriff’s report.

**Council report**

Councilman James Kalbfleisch reported that dealing with COVID-19 had been difficult, but he has observed that the downtown has started to become busy again.

Councilman Charles Brown reported that the NPS Headquarter Project is coming along nicely.

Assistant Mayor Earle Pereschuk reported that traffic coming from Springfield Middle School toward Artizan Street has been at a high rate of speed and we need to let the resident deputy know due to the kids walking along that street.

Councilman Ken Lafferty reported that the power went off and came back on and Mayor Green stated that the cause of that was a transformer fire on Virginia Ave. near Vince’s pizza.

Councilman Jim Braswell said that the town continues to work on the FLAP project and town employees will be fixing potholes throughout the town.

Councilman Michael Nokes said that he had recently met with the new pool manager for the upcoming pool season. He also said that he met with Margie Wolverton and she will be overseeing swim lessons for this upcoming season and all is moving along nicely. He also reported that the town will be operating the concession stand again this year. He said that we are also planning glow night parties at the pool. He is also planning on having recertification classes with the staff. Councilman Nokes made a motion for non-swim fee of $2. Seconded by Councilman Jim Braswell. With all voting in favor, motion carried. Councilman Nokes also made a motion to increase the family membership from $200 to $250 for the upcoming pool season. No action was taken. Discussion was held to see how many pool memberships were sold the previous pool season. This item was tabled for discussion for the next regular scheduled council meeting. He also reported that the weathervane on top of town hall has been recently removed and being reconditioned at Rhode’s Welding.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Green reported that with the election over he would now be working on the budget and looking forward to working with everyone in the future.

Mayor Green said that we are continuing to work on the FLAP overlay project. He also reported that we have some drainage issues that we are addressing. Mayor Green also informed the Council that the MML conference in Ocean City is limiting 2 participants in each Municipality until March 26th. If there is still room available, then more participants can sign up.

 **Unfinished Business**

Mayor Green asked the council for a motion to keep the property tax rate at 48.5. Councilman Charles Brown made a motion to adopt as presented. Seconded by Councilman Jim Braswell. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Green asked the council for a motion to adopt the 2021 Constant yield tax rate exemption for the Town of Williamsport. Councilman Charles Brown made a motion to adopt as presented. Seconded by Councilman Ken Lafferty. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

**New Business**

Mayor Green informed the council that they will need to complete the financial disclosure packets and return them to Town Manager Donnie Stotelmyer by April 30, 2021.

Mayor Green asked the council for approval to accept a grant award from DHCD FY21 Mainstreet Staff Programs Award in the amount of $20,000.00. Councilman Charles Brown made a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilman Jim Braswell. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Green asked for acceptance of a grant award from MDSERI FY21 Mainstreet business award in the amount of $103,721.00. Councilman Charles Brown made a motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilman Michael Nokes. With all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Green asked for approval to host a two-day Treasure Sale at the Springfield Farm Barn on Saturday and Sunday March 27th and 28th 2021. This event is to benefit the Town Museum. Councilman Jim Braswell made a motion to adopt as present. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Earle Pereschuk.

**Citizen Participation**

None

Councilman Charles Brown made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Michael Nokes with all voting in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotelmyer

Town Manager