

Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Town Council
Regular Session
May 8, 2023

On May 8, 2023, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Regular Session; the meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Mayor Green.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 10, 2023, Regular Session and May 1, 2023, Work Session. Councilman Braswell motioned to approve both meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilman Pereschuk; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor then reviewed the correspondence regarding the 2023 Main Street Maryland Accreditation. Progress with the program continues with a Farmer's Market on Thursday, May 11, 2023, with a ribbon cutting.

The Mayor asked for reports. There were no reports provided from the Board of Election Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals, Land Use, or Legal Counsel. The Mayor provided information related to the Museum and making room for additional displays and hours of operations. Councilperson Yaukey provided an update on the Planning Commission's review of the comprehensive plan, chicken ordinance, and Optimize Renewables final report. Councilman Pereschuk noted town employees are preparing for the opening of the pool. Councilman Brown reviewed a request by the Williamsport Rotary Club to place flags in Byron Park; Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the request and allow the Rotary Club to place the flags near the gazebo; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Assistant Mayor Grove reported work done to the Community Building and ivy on the side of Town Hall which he requested be removed. Councilman Braswell noted the importance of following street sweeping regulations and Spring Clean-Up review. Mayor Green reviewed the Sheriff's Report, reports on meetings with Councilmembers and Town Manager, and upcoming MML events.

The Town Attorney outlined the necessity to have a pole attachment agreement with businesses placing wires on town owned poles. The passing of this ordinance is the final step towards allowing Comcast to submit plans to the town regarding which poles will be used for their projects. Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-02: Comcast Pole Attachment Agreement; Councilman Brown seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Town Manager offered an updated version of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and Stormwater Connection Ordinance. The Maryland Department of the Environment expected this update as part of the town's MS4 permit review. Councilperson Yaukey made a motion to approve the introduction of this ordinance; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Town Attorney presented Ordinance 2023-04 Nuisance Abatement for emergency passage; due to the upcoming weather changes, passage is urgently needed to allow the Town Planner to

enforce ordinances of the town. Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-04 Nuisance Abatement as an emergency ordinance taking effect immediately; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Town Attorney presented Ordinance 2023-05 Misdemeanors, Municipal Infractions, and Penalties; due to the upcoming weather changes, passage is urgently needed to allow the Town Planner to enforce ordinances of the town. Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-05 Misdemeanors, Municipal Infractions, and Penalties as an emergency ordinance taking effect immediately; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the desire to advertise for proposals to codify the town's ordinances. Councilman Brown motioned to advertise to receive proposals to codify the town's ordinances; Councilperson Yaukey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the desire to advertise for proposals to purchase a cover for the community pool. Councilman Brown motioned to advertise to receive proposals to codify the town's ordinances; Councilperson Yaukey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented a request from Prime Time for Women donation. The Mayor asked for \$250 to go towards the programs offered by this organization. Councilperson Yaukey motioned to donate in the amount of \$250.00; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the need for the town to update its agreement with Washington County to provide police services through its Community Deputy Program. Councilman Braswell motioned to approve the agreement and direct the Mayor to sign on behalf of the town; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passes unanimously.

The Town Manager presented the location for a memorial bench and tree to be placed for resident Ken Lafferty. Councilperson Yaukey motioned to approve the location; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Yaukey asked for an update regarding the video production presented to the Mayor & Town Council at a previous meeting. The Mayor outlined we currently receive services for free. Discussion resulted in using the current service and piecing out commercial production in the future should the need arise.

Councilman Pereschuk motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Tinsley; the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Cordially Tendered,



Chad P. Rooney
Town Manager / Clerk / Treasurer