

Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Town Council
Regular Session Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023

On March 13, 2023, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Regular Session. Those members of the elected body who were present included Mayor William Green, Assistant Mayor Dennis Grove, Councilman Jim Braswell, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Nokes, and Councilperson Margaret Yaukey. Town employees in attendance included Chad Rooney, Town Manager; and Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and called for a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 13 Regular Session. Councilman Brown motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Councilman Braswell; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor conveyed there are no reports from the Board of Election Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals, History & Museum Board, Planning Commission, Land Use, Sheriff, or Mayor. The Town Attorney had no report. Councilman Brown reported on recent vandalism in Byron Park and the completion of the poured in place playground surfacing in the main playground at Byron Park. Councilman Braswell advised the Williamsport Little League begins play on April 15 and the radar trailer has been out and about to deter drivers from speeding on Town streets.

Mayor Green announced the results of the March 6 Town Election: the those candidates receiving the highest number of votes were Councilman Jim Braswell, 89 votes; Earle Pereschuk, 112 votes; and Ben Tinsley, 94 votes. Councilman Brown motioned to accept the election results as presented; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously. These individuals will be sworn in at a Special Session on March 20.

Mayor Green presented a plan for approval to change the days and times for parking meter enforcement to Monday through Friday. Councilman Braswell motioned to approve the change as presented; Councilperson Yaukey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green presented a plan to remove designation from two parking spots on West Salisbury Street for Town employees. Councilman Nokes motioned to approve the removal of the designation for these two parking spots; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Rooney presented requests to offset utility bills; Town Manager presented a request for 12 South Conococheague Street, Unit B, in which a tenant of Valley Properties purposefully and with the intent to cause additional charges without the intent to pay. Following discussion, Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to deny the request; the motion was seconded by Councilman Braswell; the motion passed unanimously.

The second request was from 9 South Artesian Street in which nearly 14,000 gallons of water leaked within the property. No motion was made; the item died.

The next request is for 13 South Vermont Street; the leak was reported as part of a busted pipe within the property. Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to offset sewer costs only for this property for the period of the request; Councilman Brown seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

A request from 5-7 Moose Lodge Alley was presented representing a leak on the property resulting in a high utility bill. No motion was made; the item died.

A request 16014 Cloverton Avenue was presented with a leak on the lateral, but after the meter was detected and corrected, resulting in a high utility bill. Councilman Brown motioned to offset the sewer costs only of this property; Councilperson Yaukey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The recommended Constant Yield Tax Rate was presented by the Town Manager and recommended by the Mayor to remain the same. The Town Attorney explained no formal action would need to be taken unless there is a change for the Town to increase the amount collected by more than \$25,000. Councilman Nokes made a motion to accept the recommended Constant Yield Tax Rate of .4742%; Councilman Brown seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Request for Proposals 2023-01 Mowing & Landscape Services were presented following their opening in February. The bid tabulation was reviewed and Advantage Construction and Landscape Services in the amount of \$74,223.00; Assistant Mayor Grove motioned to approve the submission by Advantage for an annual fee of \$74,223.00 for mowing and snow removal services; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Request for Proposals 2023- 10, for the pool painting project; J & T Painting, Inc., Nottingham, Maryland, in the amount of \$19,280.00; and Crevasse Repair \$2,000.00 and Under Gutter Repair \$2,900.00. The second submission was from Colossal Contractors, Burtonsville, Maryland, in the amount of \$31,600.00; and Crevasse Repair \$3,000.00 and Under Gutter Repair \$5,000.00. The Town Manager requested quick action be taken to allow for work to be completed by the time the pool opened for the season. Councilman Braswell motioned to accept the submission from J & T Painting, Inc.; Councilman Nokes seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Braswell motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Councilperson Yaukey; the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Cordially Tendered,



Chad P. Rooney
Town Manager / Clerk / Treasurer