

Town of Williamsport Mayor & Town Council Work Session November 6, 2023



On November 6, 2023, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Work Session to conduct business of the town.

Those in attendance included Mayor William Green, Assistant Mayor Denny Grove, Councilperson Margaret Yaukey, Councilman Earle Pereschuk, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Ben Tinsley, and Councilman Jim Braswell. Employees in attendance included Town Manager Chad Rooney, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, and Town Planner Linda Kuczynski.

Mayor Green called the meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Mayor Green announced the intentions for the town to complete a public hearing prior to next week's Regular Session to satisfy application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant application. During the last Regular Session, Town Council authorized town employees to begin working on the application and seek this funding.

Mayor Green then presented an update to the approved Livability Code as it pertains to municipal infractions. He then turned over the item to the Town Attorney for explanation. The Town Attorney lengthily outlined his desire to have Town Council "clean up" references in the ordinance to the Washington County Livability Code 2006. Councilman Tinsley expressed his strong concerns related to enforcement of the ordinance and municipal infractions to clean up properties around town. Councilman Tinsley submitted a list of properties in June which he felt violated the The Town Attorney and Town Planner explained the inability enforce the ordinances up to recent times, was the lack of a violation book which has since been provided and the ensuring the specific codes being violated were properly referenced, such as this proposed language change. The Town Attorney continued to explain the parameters for enforcement including active and passive techniques. Assistant Mayor Grove explained the changes and documents involved would require some digestion on the part of each Councilmember. Councilman Tinsley expressed the number of renters compared to owners is high and these individuals need protection of the Town to enforce the Livability Code to ensure their safety. After an animated discussion related to enforcement, update of the referenced ordinance, and Town Attorney's desire to ensure language in the ordinance is properly cited; Town Council was not able to provide any level of consensus to move the item to the following week, Mayor Green provided everyone the guidance the item would be on the agenda for potential consideration.

Mayor Green announced the public hearing for the CDBG grant funding will be held next Monday at 6:45pm and going straight into the Regular Session once it concludes.

The Town Manager intends to request directions to draft and advertise a Request for Proposals for improvements to the bathrooms near the Little League field in Byron Park.

Mayor Green presented the 2024 Event and Holiday schedule for consideration at the Regular Session.

Councilperson Yaukey requested an update on the Main Street Manager position being vacated by former Town Manager, Donnie Stotelmyer. Mayor Green announced a full-time person may need to be sought, but a meeting with Main Street, state level coordinators is being held this week for further guidance. Councilperson Yaukey referred to the ability for the Town to cease the program and allow businesses to create a coalition.

The Mayor and Town Council continued their conversation regarding the Livability Code and potential ordinance update. Tom Freeman, a resident, offered his concerns related to delaying an active enforcement program.

There was no Public Comment offered. Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.

Cordially Tendered,

Chad P. Rooney

Town Manager / Clerk / Treasurer

William "Bill" Green, Mayor Dennis Grove, Assistant Mayor

Chad P. Rooney, Town Manager Clerk/Treasurer





Jim Braswell, Councilmember Charles Brown III, Councilmember Earle Pereschuk, Councilmember Ben Tinsley, Councilmember Margaret Yaukey, Councilmember

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CALL TO ORDER - WORK SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

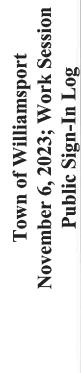
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Town of Williamsport, MD 2024 Calendar of Events



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Williamsport Town Council Meetings are open to the public, held in Town Council Chambers at Town Hall Work Session - 1st Monday of each month @ 6:30pm

Regular Session - 2nd Monday of each month @ 7pm

Date	Time	Event						
January 1 st	10am-12pm	Polar Bear Plunge @ River Bottom Park, Williamsport MD						
January 1 ST	All Day	Town Hall closed for New Years						
January 15th	All Day	Town Hall closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day						
February 19 th	All Day	Town Hall closed for President's Day						
March 29th	All Day	Town Hall closed for Good Friday						
April 6 TH & 7 TH	10am-5pm 11am-4pm	Hitching Post Roundup @ Springfield Barn						
April 27th	7am-12pm	Spring Clean Up Byron Memorial Park						
May 25 th	Noon	L. Beard Miller Memorial Pool-Williamsport Opens For The Season						
May 27th	All Day	Town Hall Closed For Memorial Day						
June 19 th	All Day	Town Hall Closed for Juneteenth						
July 4 th	All Day	Town Hall closed for Independence Day						
July 4 th Rain date July 5 th	Dusk	Independence Day Fireworks @ Byron Memorial Park						
July 20th	TBD	Christmas in July on N. Conococheague St						
August 6th	5-8pm	National Night Out @ Byron Memorial Park						
August 9th	4-7pm	Glow Night @ L. Beard Miller Memorial Pool-Williamsport Pool						
August 23rd,24th,25th		Annual C&O Canal Days						
September 2nd	All Day	Town Hall Closed For Labor Day						
September 11,21,28 Oct 5,12,19,26	Friday Evenings	Haunted History Walks						
October 5th	10am-4pm	Harvest Hoedown @ Byron Memorial Park						
October 19th	7am-12pm	Fall Clean Up						
October 31st	6-8pm	Trick-Or-Treat Festival @ Town Center						
November 11th	All Day	Town Hall Closed For Veteran's Day						
November 21st &22nd	All Day	Town Hall Closed For Thanksgiving						
December 1st	7pm	Christmas Parade & Byron Memorial Park Lighting						
December 7th	TBD	Celebration Of Trees @ Springfield Barn						
ecember 24th(1/2 day) 25th & 26th	All Day	Town Hall Closed For Christmas						
December 31st ,2025	All Day	Town Hall Closed For New Years						
January 1st,2025	10am-12pm	Polar Bear Plunge @ River Bottom Park , Williamsport MD						
January 1st, 2025	8am-12pm	Williamsport Town Hall Open 1/2 Day						