

## Town of Williamsport Mayor & Town Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024

On September 16, 2024, 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 Earle Pereschuk, Councilman Ben Tinsley, and Councilperson Margaret Yaukey. Town employees in attendance were Chad Rooney, Town Manager, Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney, and Linda Kuczynski, Town Planner.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2024, Executive Session. Councilman Tinsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Green then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 9, 2024, Work Session. Councilman Braswell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green noted there is no Correspondence.

MayorGreen identified no reports were presented by the Board of Election Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals, History & Museum Board, Planning Commission, Land Use, Legal Counsel, nor the Sheriff's Office.

Councilperson Yaukey noted the Planning Commission had no meeting during the month, there are several properties being rehabilitate, and Ruth's Market will be opening soon.

Councilman Pereschuk, Assistant Mayor Grove, nor Councilman Braswell had no report.

Councilman Brown announced a successful Canal Days event.

Councilman Tinsley noted an eyesore for the community is 40 North Conococheague Street as there are renters which sit on the front porch all day, every day, and one person who may be homeless. He requested the town take any action it can to clean this area up.

Mayor Green requested a motion to recess the Regular Session and enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Article 3-305(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advise. Councilman Brown made a motion as explained by the Mayor;

Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passes unanimously, and the public was asked to exit Council Chambers. The meeting was recessed at 6:03pm.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:27pm.

Mayor Green noted the item regarding the Municipal Electric Utility Alliance – Articles of Incorporation will be held until a future date.

Councilperson Yaukey interjected and requested consideration of an item regarding a previous request of Will Ball. Councilperson Yaukey submitted and read aloud a motion to make a pledge of \$100,000 toward the replacement of the chassis of the emergency vehicle as described by Chief Will [Ball] with no future obligation to pave Brandy Drive; Councilman Brown seconded; following a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Pam Black with a Proclamation recognizing her efforts to facilitate Canal Days the past few years. Pam thank the Mayor and Town Council for the acknowledgement.

Mayor Green introduced Jimmy Black, an area resident with a request to hold Cruze-In Car Shows in Byron Park. Jimmy thanked the Mayor and Town Council for their support and presented an outline of his request to obtain permission to hold three Cruze-Ins to finish out this season. Councilman Brown made a motion to allow the Cruze-Ins with no payments, obtain a signed Indemnification Agreement, and have Jimmy submit Proof of Insurance for each event; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Town Manager outlined an issue recently and requested direction on the use of the Community Building by the Washington County Fitness Group. The issues were explained to the Mayor and Town Council and the Town Manager asked if a fee of \$25.00 per use could be imposed for the group's use of the building, if a contract drafted by the Town Attorney would be implemented, and for the group to clean the facility and return it to its state upon their arrival. There is a consensus to implement these items and a formal vote will be held at the October Regular Session.

Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Tendered, Chad P. Rooney Town Manager