

Town of Williamsport Mayor & Town Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025

On May 12, 2025, 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 William Ball, Councilman Jim Braswell, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Earle Pereschuk, and Councilman Tinsley. Town employees in attendance included only Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a moment of silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 2025, Regular Session. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 5, 2025, Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Rates. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 5, 2025, Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operational Budgets. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Assistant Mayor Grove seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green noted there is no report for the Board of Election Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals, Land Use, nor the Town Attorney. Mayor Green explained the office for the Town Museum was moved to the second floor and the first-floor space will be used to display school artifacts. Mayor Green also outlined the March and April reports from the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Councilman Braswell outlined travel concerns in the area due to the missing stop light at Clifton and Potomac Streets and ongoing youth sport leagues. The stop light is expected to be replaced by mid-June.

Councilman Tinsley had no report.

Assistant Mayor Grove identified several projects being completed by the Public Works employees including the Library repainting and Manor House property clean up.

Councilman Brown had no report.

Councilman Pereschuk reported the pool is expected to open on time, with proper staffing, and the baby pool will need more work before it is opened.

Councilman Ball expressed his appreciation for Chris Simms, Smart Utility Management, providing information on the increase to the PPA on utility bills. Councilman Ball has either attended meetings or has reviewed transcripts from utility commission proceedings.

Mayor Green explained he has met with Barry Ritchie of State Highway Administration several items and with Sheriff Albert regarding the Resident Deputy Agreement. The conversation was fruitful, and the Sheriff agreed to lower the cost to approximately \$161,000.00. Mayor Green explained there were changes to the budget because of the nearly \$20,000.00 savings. Mayor Green intends to have dog waste collection boxes placed near the Manor House property due to dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Mayor Green completed his report explaining his intent to install a "No Alcohol" sign at Byron Park and "No Ground Disturbance" sign at the Manor House property.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 2025-03 Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Rates. Councilman Tinsley made a motion to introduce the ordinance as presented; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green then asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 2025-04 Fiscal Year 2026 Operational Budgets. Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to introduce the ordinance as presented; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green explained the Town Manager's recommendation for he and Town Council to approve the submission by Albright, Crumbaker, Moul, and Itell, LLC., to provide Municipal Auditing Services as outlined in RFP 2025-01. Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to accept the Town Manager's recommendation; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to accept the modified Resident Deputy Agreement provided by the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Braswell made a motion to direct the Mayor to sign the modified agreement to continue the Resident Deputy Program with the Washington County Sheriff's Office; Councilman Ball seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 to continue grant writing and tracking services with the Maryland Rural Development Corporation. Councilman Tinsley made a motion to pass Resolution 2025-01; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Kathrine Miller presented information on Older American's Month for the month of May. Mayor Green explained that the Town Manager drafted a Proclamation which he will present in the Mayor's absence at Washington County's ceremony on Friday.

Councilman Tinsley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session; Councilman Brown seconded; the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Respectfully Tendered,

Chad P. Rooney Town Manager