

Town of Williamsport Mayor & Town Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025

On July 7, 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 Chad Rooney, Town Manager, and 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 asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 2, 2025, Regular Session. Councilman Tinsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Councilman Ball seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green noted there is no correspondence and no report from the Board of Election Supervisors, Board of Zoning Appeals, History & Museum Board, Planning Commission, Land Use, not the Town Attorney.

Mayor Green explained the report from the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Main Street Williamsport is included in the packets placed at each councilperson's desk.

Councilman Braswell reported on public safety encouraging everyone to be mindful of the reinstalled traffic light at Clifton Drive and Potomac Street. He also reminded those in attendance that the street sweeper is cleaning the streets weekly and ticketing is enforced.

Councilman Tinsley and Assistant Mayor Grove had no report.

Councilman Brown praised the fireworks and carnival sharing that he felt they were both successful events.

Councilman Pereschuk lauded the employees at the pool; closing of the pool will occur in mid- to late August as our staff return to college and high school.

Councilman Ball echoed Councilman Brown's thoughts on the success of the carnival and fireworks. He also noted his appreciation to attend the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference with an emphasis on learning about municipal budgeting, the Open Meetings Act, and the Public Information Act.

Mayor Green expressed the fireworks received compliments from regional attendees, appreciation for help volunteering at the carnival making French fries. He continued by noting lessons learned

from the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference especially areas of first amendment rights and the Public Information Act.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to approve he and the Town Manager to begin seeking grant funding for Strategic Planning at the Springfield Manor Property. Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to approve the request; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to approve he and the Town Manager to begin seeking grant funding for historic preservation at the Springfield Manor Property. Councilman Ball made a motion to approve the request; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked Jimmy Black to review his request to add dates for car shows in Byron Memorial Park. Mr. Black explained due to weather there were several cancellations, and he would like to add Wednesday, July 16, 23, and 30. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the request as presented; Councilman Braswell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green outlined Resolution 2025-05: Supporting Participation in Sustainable Maryland Certification. Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked if any member of the public had information to present. Paula Jackson, owner of the Proud Peacock, noted several ideas she has been working with other business owners to increase visitors to the stores, to keep parking spaces open, and participation in Canal Days. Mayor Green requested for her to remain following the meeting to discuss some of her ideas directly.

Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm.

Respectfully Tendered,

Chad P. Rooney Town Manager