

Town of Williamsport Mayor & Town Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes August 4, 2025

On August 4, 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 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 6:02pm with a moment of silent reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 7, 2025, Regular Session. Councilman Ball made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Councilman Pereschuk 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, nor the Town Attorney. He did recognize the Bord of Zoning Appeals will meet Thursday evening.

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 Tinsley had no report.

Assistant Mayor Grove was happy that all seems to be quiet in the town.

Councilman Brown praised announce C & O Canal days will be held on August 22-24.

Councilman Pereschuk lauded the employees at the pool and shared his appreciation for their efforts through some of the summer's hottest days.

Councilman Ball expressed concerns with trash collection being later in the day and some not picked up at all this past Friday. He also noted the Washington County Sheriff's Office will hold National Night Out in Byron Park on Tuesday, August 5.

Mayor Green echoed appreciation for the pool employees enduring hot weather since the June meeting. He explained he was approached by Mike Cramer requesting the town to pave the alley near the rear access of the moose Lodge. Mr. Cramer stated the Moose Lodge was provided with a grant from their national organization for the parking lot and the if the town would authorize the payment of the alley, it would serve the town and patrons well. Mr. Cramer presented an estimate of \$3,847.00 for the work and requested consideration.

Councilman Ball made a motion to approve the town paying for \$3,847.00 to have the town's portion of the alley paved along with the Moose Lodge's pavement project; Councilman Pereschuk seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Green and the Town Manager added that if it is fiscally appropriate, consideration should be made to also pave the alley between North Conococheague Street and North Artizan Street.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to put out an advertisement for Request for Proposals 2025-02: Refuse and Recycling Collection Services. Assistant Mayor Grove made a motion to approve the request; Councilman Tinsley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to appoint Michelle Murray to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the request; Councilman Pereschuk 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. Debbie Sallers and Devon Tayler reported on an event they held at the Springfield Barn with various vendors. The event was very successful, and they will seek future dates to hold similar events.

Crystal Eylar asked for clarity on items which can be presented by residents. Mayor Green said she could raise anything she would like. She stated, "anything that needs fixed, wrong or right ways for the right reasons, God is good God is great, what is going to help the city to get better, get the, are there cameras where they need to be". Mayor Green explained out parks have cameras and when it was asked if there are cameras along the C & O Canal, Mayor Green explained we are not permitted to place cameras along the canal due to it being National Park Service property.

Michael Cramer expressed concern over the Moose Lodge's electric bill. The bill increased while usage at the facility decreased. The Mayor and Town Manager will review previous bills and see if there is an obvious reason or if the increase is due to consumption on the meter.

Councilman Pereschuk asked for a minute to speak prior to adjournment. He expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the good work the Mayor and Town Council have done, especially in the past two and a half years to fix the streets and other projects. He then announced his resignation from Town Council a result of selling his home and moving outside of town limits. Following a round of applause, Mayor Green thanked Councilman Pereschuk for his dedicated service to the town and asked if he would return for the September meeting for a formal send off.

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