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June 3, 2013
Council Minutes

Council Members and Mayor

Mayor Jeffrey Slavin
Council Vice President Marnie Shaul
Council Member Barbara Condos
Council Member Franny Peale
Council Member Cathy Pickar
Council Member Barbara Zeughauser

Town Staff and Consultants

Larry Plummer, Town Inspector
Dr. Tolbert Feather, Town Arborist
Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

Town Residents and Contractors Signed In

Sue Rosenthal, Surrey
Elizabeth Dempsey Becker, Cumberland
James Becker, Cumberland
Alex Van Hollen, Guest
Donna Harman, Dorset
Milton Heller, Falstone
Brendan O'Leary, The Atlantic Company
Elizabeth Hurwit, Dorset
Robin Barr, Essex
Debbie Heller, Falstone
Josh Bobeck, Warwick
Patty Friedman, Grantham

Public Comment Period

Sue Rosenthal, Surrey, spoke during the public comment period.

There was time left over during the public comment period, so the Mayor and Council chose to discuss possible paint color and floor style options for future work to be done in the Town Hall.

Consent Agenda

Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul. Motion passed 5-0.

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Bike Safety Classes

James Becker and Alex Van Hollen made a presentation to the Council and Mayor regarding bike safety classes that they would like to hold for kids. It was determined that the classes would be held on the Town Basketball Court, and the details would be worked out with the Town Manager. Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser. Motion passed 5-0.

June Financial Report

Town Manager Rich Charnovich presented the June Financial Report.

4900 Falstone Avenue Application

The Town Inspector and Town Arborist each provided his report on this application. The applicant and his representatives did not attend the meeting. The Council had numerous questions that it needed answered; therefore, it was decided that this application be deferred to the July 1 Council Meeting.

Council Member Pickar needed to leave the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Status Update 5529 Uppingham, 5513 Uppingham, and 5510 Trent Street

Town Inspector Plummer provided his report on these 3 construction projects.

4701 Willard Project Trees

Dr. Feather provided his report to the Council. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul to approve the removal of 5 Hemlock Trees and 1 White Pine tree on Town Parkland and to approve Equity Residential's offer to plant 12 additional trees of similar variety (White Pine or Holly) on Town Parkland at areas determined by the Town. Motion passed 4-0.

2009 Traffic Calming Update

Vice President Shaul explained the process of how we got to this point. Vice President Shaul, Council Member Pickar and Town Manager Charnovich sat down to review the bids received. References were checked on Sabra, Wang and Associates. Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser to approve the proposal submitted by Sabra, Wang and Associates. Motion passed 4-0.

Pesticide Reduction and Sustainable Fertilization Plan

Robin Barr, Environmental Committee Chair, explained to the Town Council and Mayor the goals and idea behind this plan for sustainable fertilization and to minimize pesticide use on Town parkland. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul, motion passed 4-0.

2013 Swim Team Rules

Motion Council Member Peale, second Vice President Shaul. Motion passed 4-0.

Amending Hours at Town Pool

The Council and Mayor received a request from a group of neighbors in the Town requesting an extension to Friday night hours at the pool. Debbie Heller, Pool Committee Chair, spoke about the request. Motion Council Member Peale, second Council Member Zeughauser to amend the pool hours to the following: During the summer, the pool will close at 10 pm on Friday night. When school is in session, the pool will close at 9 pm on Friday night. Motion passed 3-1 with Council Member Condos voting against.

Property, Casualty and Worker's Compensation Insurances

Town Manager Charnovich explained his memo and why he was recommending the Town move to the Local Government Investment Trust (LGIT) for its property and casualty insurance and stay with Montgomery County for its Worker's Compensation Insurance. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul. Motion passed 4-0.

FY13 Audit: Lindsey and Associates

Town Manager Charnovich made the recommendation to the Council and Mayor that they approve a 1-year Agreement with Lindsey and Associates for the FY13 Audit. Motion Council Member Zeughauser, second Vice President Shaul. Motion passed 4-0.

Fence by the Town Hall Garage

Town Manager Charnovich requested that this item be deferred until the July 1 Council Meeting.

Mayor's Nomination of Rich Charnovich for Clerk-Treasurer

Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser. Motion passed 4-0.

Montgomery County Bus Rapid Transit plan and the Green Mile

It was determined that the Town would send a comments to the Montgomery County Planning Board regarding the Bus Rapid Transit Plan and its affect it could have on the green mile on Wisconsin Avenue. Motion Vice President Shaul, second Council Member Zeughauser. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor's Report

During his report Mayor Slavin mentioned the upcoming tutorial with the Historic Preservation Commission, meeting with the State Comptroller's Office and a request received to remove a speed control sign at the corner of lower Trent Street by the cul-de-sac.

Adjourn 10:20 pm