

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Smithsburg Mayor and Council was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, with Mayor Myers and Councilmembers Abbott, Fritsch, Jernigan, Lushbaugh and Souders present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Lushbaugh.

Mayor Myers introduced Zachary Garvey of Boy Scout Troop 62 who was attending tonight's meeting for his Communication Badge.

On a motion by Councilman Souders, Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

On a motion by Councilman Fritsch the minutes of the April 2nd meeting of the Mayor and Council were approved as presented. On a motion by Councilman Lushbaugh, the minutes of the April 16th Work Session were approved by a majority vote. Councilman Souders abstained from voting. The minutes of the April 23rd Work Session were approved on a motion by Councilman Souders.

Councilmember Souders made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Myers reported on the following: (1) Attended annual HCC Scholarship Fund Raiser. This year's honoree was Harold "Blackie" Bowen. (2) Majority of time was spent on preparing the annual budget to present to Council. (3) Participating in the drawing of the winning ticket for a Las Vegas Get Away sponsored by the Smithsburg Junior Leopards Football. (4) The Town hosted the meeting of the County Commissioners and we continue to enjoy the cooperation between both entities. (5) Facilitated a meeting with School Board officials and our Public Works Department. Issues reviewed were fire hydrants, broken clean outs, manhole maintenance and water line repairs at the Smithsburg complex. (6) Attended Pride Days meeting. (7) Our Town's annual clean-up day was a great success. Mayor Myers expressed her thanks to all our citizens who took advantage of this service. She also extended her thanks to the following who helped that day: Councilmen Jim Fritsch, Donnie Souders and Tyler Lushbaugh; Town Employees Randy Dick, Betsy Martin, Jeff Long, Norman Potter and Nancy Walzl; Goodwill for providing a truck and staff; Conservit, Inc. for taking our metal; Zack Raynor for picking up electronics. Mayor Myers extended her special thanks to SEMS for the use of their property and their hospitality.

### **REPORTS -- DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Betsy Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/Manager reported the following: (1) Collected Water and Sewer payments. (2) Continued working with the Mayor on her proposed General Fund Budget. (3) Attended Pride Days meetings. Plans are progressing. There will be opening ceremony at 6 PM on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Activities on Saturday include All You Can Eat Breakfast, craft vendor and music in the Park starting at 10 AM, parade, trolley rides, activities at the Library, street dance and spectacular fireworks. Sunday's activities will include a Community church service, vendors and music, pie eating contest, raffles and a classic car show. Help is always needed and appreciated by the committee. A complete listing of events can be found on the town's website. (4) Sent in 3 accounts for tax sale proceedings. (5) Nancy Walzl and Betsy Martin both volunteered and assisted with the Spring Clean Up. (6) Reminded Council about the upcoming MML event at the Hagerstown Suns game on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Knight presented the following report: (1) There were 93 calls for service during the month of April with one adult arrest. (2) The department patrolled a total of 3,138 miles this month and did 13 hours and 35 minutes of foot patrol. (3) A total of 13 premise checks were conducted during the month. (4) Chief Knight attended meetings at the 911 Center. (5) Chief Knight attended Ocean City Maryland

Municipal League Police Executives Training. (6) Chief Knight reported that he is applying for a grant to pay for the replacement of bullet proof vests. (7) All members of the Police Department will be participating in Active Shooting Training during the month of May. (8) To date, there have been 848 speed camera violations. Of that total 147 have been rejected.

Jeff Long, Public Works Director, presented the following report: (1) Completed semi-annual fire hydrant flushing – total of 189,460 gallons of water was used. (2) Mulched the play areas at Lions Community Park. (3) Painted all of the town's welcome signs. (4) Opened both parks for the season. (5) Cleaned and trimmed the storm swale along Schaller Lane. (6) Completed the first mowing of the year. (7) Town hosted a MRWA Training Class for Ultra Violet Disinfection on April 16<sup>th</sup>. (8) Began the first weed spraying of the year. (9) Tree was removed by resident at 62 W. Water Street. (10) Repaired an underground water leak at Lions Community Park. (11) Tested all of the Town's fire extinguishers. (12) Met with tree removal contractors and obtained quotes for removal of trees that have roots damaging the Walking Trail. (13) Repaired a storm swale on Chips Court. Upcoming events and projects are: (1) Spring Clean Up. (2) Clean Streets on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. (3) Pride Days. Average daily water consumption for the month was 227,526 gallons. Jeff Long also spoke to Council about participating in a program for electronic meter reading. More information will be forthcoming.

## **REPORTS -- COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES**

Appeals Board – On May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM the Board will hear an appeal by Andy Kaetzel, tenant, for a Special Exception for a home occupation at his residence at 146 Railroad Lane.

Smithsburg Community Activities Commission – Heath Abbott reported that the Commission met on May 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed the National Night Out. He stated that Penny Baugher has applied for appointment to SCAC. On a motion by Councilman Souders, Council unanimously approved the Mayor's appointment of Penny Baugher to the Smithsburg Community Activities Commission.

Parks and Improvement Commission – Dave Muldoon of the Parks Commission reported the following: (1) The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Councilman Abbott will present the wreath for the Council. (2) There is currently a balance of \$10,578 in the Community Parks and Playground grant. A contract in the amount of \$2,050 has been award to Carbaugh Tree Service to remove four trees from along the walking trail. The Commission will discuss how best to use the remainder of the money on repairs to the walkway. (3) The Commission will be discussing the best use for the 2.5 acres of land at Veterans Park at their next meeting. (4) Received a request from Dr. Cantone who asked permission to update the signage on the Fitness Station that he donated in memory of his son.

Planning Commission – Randy Dick reported that the Planning Commission will meet on May 16<sup>th</sup> to continue their work on the ordinances.

Library Advisory Board – Councilman Fritsch reported that the Library Board has many activities planned for Pride Days.

On a motion by Councilman Fritsch, Council unanimously voted to accept all reports as presented.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

Todd Frey of Smithsburg Emergency Medical Services reported the following: (1) They had a total of 110 calls for the month. (2) They will be participating in Pride Days. (3) EMS week will be May 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. (4) SEMS is currently working on plans to expand their building. (5) Thanked Chief Knight for allowing officers to assist on calls.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS OR MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS/CONCERNS**

No Comments.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

WIP Program – No meetings held.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Knight recommended to Council that, in Section C of the Ordinance Authorizing the Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System, the words “while school is in session” be removed. Consensus of the Council was to have the Town Clerk prepare the ordinance change for presentation at the June Mayor and Council meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Jernigan, Council unanimously voted to donate \$1,000 from the Speed Camera revenue to Children’s Village. Councilman Jernigan requested that the Police Department members present the check to a representative of Children’s Village at the June Mayor and Council meeting.

Betsy Martin presented the results of the bids for the Stevenson Road Sanitary Sewer Stream Crossing job. The bids received were: Fayetteville Contractors - \$15,816.00; Huntzberry Brothers - \$23,995.00; Lone Star Builders - \$28,764.00. Council requested that the Town Clerk contact Fayetteville Contractors for more details on the additional costs for this project. Councilman Abbott made a motion to award the project to Fayetteville Contractors for the Stevenson Road Sanitary Sewer Stream Crossing job based on a lump sum not to exceed \$17,000. Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

On the Agenda for the May 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session will be (1) General Fund Budget (2) Tax Rate, Water/Sewer Rate.

On the Agenda for the May 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session will be (1) Water/Sewer Budget. (2) Time Management.

A Public Hearing will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> to hear public comments on the General, Water and Sewer Budgets, Tax Rate and Water and Sewer Rates.

## **COUNCILMEMBER REMARKS**

Councilman Fritsch reported that he had attended the meeting with the County Commissioners and that it was a very informative meeting with good communication between the Commissioners and the Town. He participated in Spring Clean up Day. He suggested that posters be placed around town for next’s year Spring Clean up Day. Councilman Fritsch stated that he was looking forward to Pride Days.

Councilman Jernigan thanked the Police Department for having an officer at Children’s Village. He encouraged everyone to come out to Pride Days.

Councilman Souders welcomed Zachary Garvey to tonight’s meeting. He thanked SEMS, Todd Frey, Phil Whittaker of Allied Waste and Staff for their help at clean up day. He encouraged all council members to come to the Park Commission meeting to hear their discussion on the concept plan for Veterans Park. He attended the Planning Commission meeting and heard the presentation on solar energy. Councilman Souders encouraged all residents to attend the Pride Days events. He also welcomed the new member to SCAC.

Councilman Abbott also invited everyone to come out to Pride Days. He encouraged residents to participate in SEMS Open House and to take the CPR Certification. Councilman Abbott also encouraged everyone to attend the youth spring and summer sporting events.

Councilman Lushbaugh participated with Spring Clean up Day. He thanked everyone for participating. He invited everyone to the opening ceremony for Pride Days on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted that a schedule of events is located on the town website. He reminded everyone about the Memorial Day ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Martin,  
Clerk/Treasurer/Manager