

**Mayor & Council of Federalsburg
Regular Meeting
Monday February 5, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on February 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner, Councilmembers Hammond, James, Sewell, and Williamson, Town Manager Kristy Marshall, Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan and members of the public were also present in the meeting room, as well as on Zoom.

Call to Order

Mayor Abner called the Mayor and Council regular meeting of February 5, 2024 to order at 6:02 pm. Mayor Abner welcomed all guests that were present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, approving the minutes from the January 2, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting.

Chris Parks, Fall Softball League; Danny Harrison, Senior League and Doug Endzel, Senior League-Update on Ballfield and Upcoming Season.

Mr. Chris Parks, representative from Federalsburg Fall Softball League gave an update about the conditions of the ball fields at Chamber's Park. He thanked Danny Harrison and Doug Endzel for their work on the fields and announced that Softball will be back in Federalsburg in the fall.

Mr. Danny Harrison, South Carolina Little League Vice President, gave an update on all the improvements that have been made to the baseball fields. Mr. Harrison also updated the Mayor and Council on the improvements that still need to be made to the concession stand, fencing, equipment shed, and backstop area. Mr. Harrison explained that the fields and gates that surround the area are owned by the town and requested permission for the South Carolina Little League to have the ability to lock the gates in order to protect the fields, and surrounding area from being damaged. The Mayor and Council of Federalsburg approved their request and granted permission for the South Carolina Little League to lock the gates to the ballfields at Chambers Park.

The Mayor and Council also suggested that South Carolina Little League reach out to the Lions Club to form a partnership to help with the improvements that need be made to the fields, fencing, and buildings at the Chambers Park.

Introduction- Ordinance No. 2024-02-Rezoning Request for Proposed WAWA Property

Mayor Abner read Ordinance No. 2024-02 - this ordinance requested Rezoning for the proposed Wawa property at the corner of Bloomingdale Avenue and Route 313. A representative from Wawa has made a request to the Town of Federalsburg to amend the zoning map which includes the property on the corner of Bloomingdale Avenue and Route 313 and change the zoning from R1 to C-2 Commercial.

Councilmember Sewell made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2024-02 and schedule a public hearing to discuss the changing of the zoning for the proposed Wawa Property; on February 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero introducing Ordinance No. 2024-02 and proceeding with scheduling a public hearing for February 20, 2024.

Public Comment:

No comments at this time.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Williamson: Nothing at this time

Councilmember James: Asked the following:

- Asked the Town Manager, Kristy Marshall, for an update information about the street lights on Kerney Street. Ms. Marshall will look into the matter.

Councilmember Sewell: Nothing at this time

Council Member Hammond: Asked the following:

- Councilmember Hammond stated that she talked with Mercedes Moyer, who has grant writing experience; about the possibility of assisting the town with grants. Mayor Abner stated that she talked with the Town Manager about this and will need to further discuss with the Mayor and Council as a personnel matter in a closed session meeting.

Mayor Abner: Reported the following:

- Mayor Abner thanked the Caroline County Department of Emergency Services, the Caroline County Health Department and staff, the Federalsburg, Preston and Ridgely Fire Departments, Gary Bee, Sr., Brian Bixby and Ashley Parker of

Federalburg, town administrative staff, Federalburg Police Department, and the Federalburg Public Works Department, for all their help and support during the water outage.

- Mayor Abner stated that an emergency operations planning meeting will be held in the near future.
- The fire hydrant on South Main Street needs to be repaired from the vehicle accident.
- Mayor Abner and Councilmembers Sewell and Hammond attended the ESAM meeting in January, where they had a chance to speak with our state legislators about the town's needs.

Request for Executive Session- Legal Advice

Councilmember James made a motion seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously passed by a vote of 5 to 0 to go into closed session at 6:32 PM for a personnel matter and legal advice.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:19PM

Mayor Abner reported that the Mayor and Council met in closed session from 6:32 PM to 7:19 PM with the Town Attorney to discuss personnel matters and legal advice. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Councilmember Williamson made a motion seconded by Councilmember James and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Smith, Town Clerk