

**Mayor & Council of Federalsburg
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their monthly workshop meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner, Councilmembers, James, Williamson, Sewell, and Hammond, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed all guests that were present.

Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes

Councilmember James made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, approving the minutes from the March 4, 2024 Mayor and Council regular meeting.

Discussion -Town Property Rental Agreement:

The Mayor and Council of Federalsburg, along with the Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan discussed the changes that need to be made to the Town Property Rental Agreement.

After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor and Council will continue to review and update the contract; and they will decide at the next meeting if there will be a deposit amount required to rent the town owned property.

Discussion - Mercedes Moyer-Parks and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Mercedes Moyer requested permission from the Mayor and Council to form and coordinate a Parks and Recreation Committee. The Parks and Recreation Committee would consist of seven residents, with Mrs. Moyer being the coordinator of the committee. The committee would meet quarterly to discuss, and plan events for the Town.

The Mayor and Council granted permission for Mrs. Moyer to form and coordinate the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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Proclamation-Endometriosis Awareness Month:

Ms. Shannon Handlewall, ambassador and advocate for Endometriosis Awareness, addressed and explained the disease and its side effects. Ms. Handlewall requested the Mayor and Council adopt a Proclamation recognizing Endometriosis Month. Mayor Abner read and it was approved by the Mayor and Council proclaiming the month of March as Endometriosis Awareness Month.

Discussion-Donation to South Caroline Little League:

A representative from South Caroline Little League gave an update on the cleanup and renovations of the ball field at Chambers Park.

The Mayor and Council agreed to donate \$10,000 to the South Caroline Little League, for repair/replacement of the backstop/fencing in the amount of \$7500. The remaining \$2,500 can be used by the league's discretion for other repairs. The Mayor and Council agreed to use any leftover road millings in the ballfield parking lot.

Public Comment:

Mr. David Morean, representing the Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company announced that they have newly elected officers and read a list of the new officers. The Mayor and Council approved the list of officers as stated.

Mr. Morean also requested if the town could put dates for the FVFC chicken BBQ on the town signs. They will be held on the second Saturday of every month starting in April, and the Food Truck event will be held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Mr. Morean also raised concerns about a residence on West Central Avenue working on vehicles at 9:00 at night. It is very noisy with revving engines.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Williamson: Reported the following:

- Nothing to report at this time

Councilmember James: Reported the following:

- Requested an update on the town's insurance company updating our limits. Town Manger Kristy Marshall has reached out to the insurance company but is waiting to hear back from them.
- September is Suicide Prevention Month- She would like the town to put up signage along the waterfront that gives information of the Suicide Hotline.

- Would like the Mayor and Council to look at the ordinances to see if anything could be changed to make accommodations to have a Sober Living House for Women that are trying to transition back into society. Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney stated that this would be permitted in the R-2 and R-3 districts that allow multi-family units.
- Requested Town Manager Kristy Marshall to check with the Railroad Co. to see how the railroad bridge can be secure to prevent kids from jumping off the bridge.

Councilmember Sewell: Reported the following:

- Nothing to report at this time

Councilmember Hammond: Reported the following:

- Raised a concern about getting in contact with the Federalsburg Police Department after hours. It was explained that the 911 Center will dispatch our police officers after business hours. We have police officers on duty 24 hours a day. Anyone needing assistance can call the Police Department anytime; the answering service has options to transfer callers to the 911 center for assistance. There is also a non-emergency # (410-479-2515) that is answered by the 911 Center after business hours and they can dispatch Federalsburg Officers.

Mayor Abner: Reported the following:

- Mayor Abner thanked the Town Office Staff for all their hard work on updating Town Hall and making it look great.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Councilmember James made a motion seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously passed by a vote of 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk