

**Mayor & Council  
Workshop Meeting  
Monday, August 21, 2023  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held a meeting August 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner, Councilmembers Windsor, Sewell, Phillips, Willoughby, Interim Town Manager Kristy Marshall, Town Lawyer Lyndsey Ryan as well as the public were present in the meeting room as well as Zoom.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Abner called the workshop meeting of the mayor and Council to order at 6:00 PM, welcomed all guests, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**

Councilmember Sewell made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023 Regular Mayor & Council Meeting. Councilmember Willoughby seconded the motion and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approve the August 7, 2023 minutes.

**Introduction Resolution to Increase Compensation for the Mayor and Council**

Mayor Abner asked the Councilmembers for any questions about raising the compensation for the incoming Mayor and Councilmembers. The draft resolution states the Mayor's compensation will be raised from \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year. The Councilmembers compensation will be raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year. With no further questions, Councilmember Willoughby moved to make a resolution to increase the compensation of the incoming Mayor to \$8,000 per year and Councilmembers compensation to \$5,000 per year. Councilmember Sewell second the resolution. The resolution passed with a vote of four to one.

### **Discussion- Revised Everest Tower Lease Agreement**

Town Lawyer Lindsey Ryan presented Everest's revised water tower easement agreement to the Mayor and Council. After a lengthy discussion and revisions to the agreement the Mayor and Council requested the Town Lawyer to present the revised agreement to Everest.

### **Discussion - Marina Rental Request**

No discussion at this time due to the resident not being able to attend the meeting.

### **Discussion- Hay Day Event:**

A request was made to the Mayor and Council to donate money to the organization that sponsors the Hay Day Event. The Mayor and Council explained they were able to donate money last year with funds coming from ARPA. Unfortunately it was a one time

donation. The Mayor and Council denied the request to contribute funds to this year's event.

### **Discussion - Handicap Spaces for the Walk in Faith Thrift Shop and Church**

A request was made to the Mayor and Council to add 2 handicap spaces in front of the Walk in Faith Thrift Shop and Church for their elderly patrons/members . The Mayor and Council granted the request to add 2 additional handicap spaces along the establishments sidewalk on Maple Avenue. The Federalsburg Police department will be notified that handicap parking will be established in front of the Thrift Shop and Church. Public works will be putting up handicap signs and will be painting the curbs.

### **Public Comment**

Shrone Lewis of Holland Drive announced that a Registration rally/day will be held on August 26, 2023 at the community building on Laurel Grove Road. This day will allow residents of Federalsburg to hear from the candidates that are running for the Mayor and Council seats for the town of Federalsburg. There will also be an opportunity for residents to sign up and get registered to vote in the upcoming town election. Food Trucks will also be at this event. Shorone Lewis thanked Mayor Abner and Interim Town Manager Kristy Marshall for answering her questions and putting the event on the Town Sign.

### **Mayor & Council Action Items:**

#### **Councilmember Windsor:**

Nothing at this time

#### **Councilmember Sewell:**

Councilmember Sewell was contacted on the behalf of the Lions Club that on Sunday 13, 2023 two cars were broken into at the Lions Club community building. Two purses were stolen. Federalsburg police department was contacted and one purse was recovered. Cameras at the Chambers Park building have been disconnected. Interim Kristy Marshall will look into and take care of who is responsible for reconnecting those cameras.

**Council Member Phillips:**

Councilmember Phillips questioned Interim town manager Kristy Marshall where the town stands with getting a bid from GMB to pave roads in the town of Federalsburg. Kristy indicated she has spoken with GMB and they will get back to her with a bid. She will make a follow up phone call to GMB.

Councilmember Phillips also asked if the two pumps, one being new, would cut the cost of rebuilding of pump station 1. The answer was no and that would only be a temporary fix.

**Council Member Willoughby:**

Councilmember Willoughby questioned Interim town manager Kristy Marshall about the current budget and where are we with the police speeding cameras. Councilmember Willoughby would like the Chief of Police to be in attendance for the next Mayor and Council meeting to discuss the speed cameras and the Caroline Bureau of Investigation Task Force.

Councilmember Willoughby suggested at some point in the near future an update of AARP funding.

Councilmember Willoughby would like to thank Framptom Funeral Home for repairing their building in a timely fashion. Councilmember Willoughby questions where we are code wise for the old bank building. It's been almost a year since the building was hit by a car and no repairs have taken place. The Town Lawyer Lindsey Ryan requested pictures so the town can file it as a nuisance.

**Mayor Abner:**

Mayor Abner announced Bicentennial honorees:

Community honoree- Ted Thomas Thershaman Festival, Mayor Abner read Mr. Thershaman's biography.

Legacy honoree- Ducky Myer, Mayor Abner read Mr. Myer's biography

Mayor Abner announced the following events:

**August 31,2023** - Community Engagement - Chambers Park

**Sept. 9, 2023** - Move for Life 5k ton/run/walk - Food and Drink trucks will be available. Benefits the Federalsburg Activity Center

**Sept 16, 2023** - Caroline Ghost Memory Walk

**Sept. 26, 2023** - Bicentennial Gala

**Request for Closed Session - Personnel Matters**

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, second by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to go into Closed Session at 6:40 to discuss personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at

Mayor Abner reported that a closed session was held to discuss personnel matters and no action was taken.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilmember Phillips made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at        PM.