

**Mayor & Council
Workshop
Monday, October 23, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held a meeting on October, 2023 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner, Councilmembers Hammond, James, Sewell, Interim 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 workshop meeting to order at 6:00. She welcomed all guests that were present.

Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes

Council Member Sewell made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the October 2, 2023 Mayor and Council meeting. Council Member James seconded the amended minutes and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to approve the amended October 2, 2023 minutes.

Update- 115-117 N. Main Street Property

Mayor Abner gave an update on the progress of the town owned property located at 115-117 North Main Street. Work has taken place on the property but more needs to be done in order to sell the property. The Mayor and Council discussed ideas for the use of the property until it is sold. The Mayor and Council will be touring the property and will have a timeline set up for ideas in place in order to promote the building.

Discussion-Sale/Lease of Garbage Truck

The town attorney Lyndsey Ryan explained that the trash company Big Time would like to either lease or buy the town's trash truck. Big Time currently uses the trash truck for the larger cans that cannot be lifted by hand. After much discussion, the Mayor and Council would like to lease the truck and it be used within the town of Federalsburg.

Public Comment

B. Davis of Park Avenue voiced her concerns for the seniors that live at the Fairhaven apartment complex. She would like to see that the seniors get laundry put into their apartments instead of having them walk the distance to the laundry facility. She would like for the apartment complex to install hand railings onto the sidewalk and a generator

to be placed when the power goes out. Mayor Abner said that it is a privately owned apartment complex but would have the town reach out to Fairhaven about her concerns.

J. Thomas - S. University Avenue raised his concerns about the motorized scooters that children are riding on without helmets. He stated the law requires children under the age of 18 to wear helmets. He requested the chief to look into the matter. Mayor Abner suggested a facebook post and flier be sent out to remind citizens about children wearing helmets while on motorized scooters.

B. Freeman of Hargraves Court voiced her concerns about the traffic light signal at the intersection of Route 313 and Bloomingdale Avenue. She would like a turn signal to be placed at the intersection because it is dangerous especially when you are behind a tractor trailer. Mayor Abner will call the state highway since they control that traffic signal. B. Freeman also congratulated the new council members on the election.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Williamson:

Was not in attendance

Councilmember James:

-The sidewalk on South Main Street has buckled from tree roots and it's a danger to any pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. She would like the sidewalks marked to cause attention to anyone walking on that sidewalk.

-Councilmember James would like the Code Enforce Officer to give residents notice about maintaining their sidewalks.

-Councilmember James would like to have sidewalks and crosswalks placed on Bloomingdale Avenue. There is a lot of foot traffic on Bloomingdale Avenue and people need a safe place to walk when they are visiting the establishments on Bloomingdale Avenue .

-Councilmember James also would like to see more activities added to the Senior Center.

-Councilmember James would like the Code Enforce Officer to reach out to Interfaith Apartments about the trash, and lawn upkeep. Mayor Abner stated if they don't comply to start handing out fines to the apartment complex.

Councilmember Sewell:

-Council member Sewell inquired about the town's website, more specifically about the finance and video tabs under the Mayor and Council agenda's page.

-Council member Sewell asked about the progress on the old bank building on North Main Street. Interim Town Manager Kristy Marshall has reached out to them and said they just secured building permits and were waiting for architectural drawings.

Councilmember Sewell would like the Code Enforce Officer to reach out every few weeks to the owners of property for a progress report until it is completed.

- Councilmember Sewell stated there were lots of happenings in town over the past couple of weeks. She said that the Fish Fry, Hey Day, Night of the Races, and Trunk and Treat were very well attended.

Council Member Hammond:

-Council Member Hammond voiced her concerns about speeding and passing people on Bloomingdale Avenue. She would like an additional 25 mile per hour speed limit sign placed on Bloomingdale Avenue.

Mayor Abner:

-Mayor Abner stated that the Sustainable Communities Application was turned in. She explained the renewal occurs every five years and it's like our action plan to move the town forward.

-Mayor Abner stated the VFW light needs to be replaced.

-Mayor Abner received a notice from MDE that Culpepper wants to put in a drying kiln on their property. This notice should be posted on the town's facebook and website pages.

-Mayor Abner announced the following events that are happening in town:

- Federalsburg Elementary will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event for their students and families, Friday, October 27, 2023.
- Mayor Abner announced that the Lions Club will be hosting a movie night at Chambers Park, Saturday, October 28, 2023. The movie will be Hocus Pocus.
- The Savvy Citizen App is up and running.
- Madness on the Marshyhope fishing tournament, festival, and weigh in party will take place Nov. 4, 2023
- Chambers Park cleanup will take place Nov. 18, 2023

Request for Executive Session- Personnel Matters

Councilmember James made a motion seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to go into Closed Session at 6:59 to discuss personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:57.

Mayor Abner reported that a closed session was held to discuss personnel Matters. No action was taken.

Adjournment There being no further business, Council Member Hammond made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Smith

Assistant Clerk