

**Mayor & Council of Federalsburg  
Workshop Meeting  
Monday, August 19, 2024  
6:00PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their monthly workshop meeting on August 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner, Councilmembers Hammond, Sewell, James and Williamson, Town Manager Kristy Marshall, Town Attorney Carly Landolfi, Police Chief McDermott, Code Enforcement Officer Nate Newsome, Superintendent of Water/Sewer Abid Khan, Supervisor of Maintenance Eric Hall, Mercedes Moyer, Grants Administration 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.

Mayor Abner reported that the Mayor and Council met in closed session from 5:01 PM-5:08 PM and then again from 5:21 PM - 5:34PM with the Town Attorney to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.

Mayor Abner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Previous Month's Minutes**

Councilmember James made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammond and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero, approving the minutes from the August 5, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting.

**Discussion - Unity Marker Sign Location**

Town Manager Kristy Marshall, reported that the Unity Day Marker sign should be completed at the end of August and that the Mayor and Council will need to decide where the marker sign should be placed. The Mayor and Council discussed locating the sign at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue where it can be easily seen without any obstructions.

## **Discussion - Engineering Firm**

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of hiring a new engineering firm to represent the Town of Federalsburg. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor and Council would like the Town Manager, Kristy Marshall to reach out and communicate to the current engineering firm GMB, the concerns the Mayor and Council have about the timely manner in completing projects for the Town of Federalsburg.

Town Attorney Carly Laudolfi gave a brief update on the Federalsburg Marina/East Central Pump Station grant, per her conversation with GMB. She stated that the estimated cost of the project was \$4.4 million, with approximately \$3.4 million being loan forgiveness. The Mayor and Council requested the Town Attorney to follow up with GMB for more information on this grant/project.

## **Proclamation - Federalsburg Goes Purple for September**

Mayor Abner read the proclamation declaring “Federalsburg Goes Purple” for September 2024. Federalsburg Goes Purple is a substance use awareness and prevention initiative sponsored by Drug-Free Federalsburg, created to engage community and youth to stand up against substance abuse.

## **Public Comment**

Wendy Garner, Bloomingdale Avenue reported the following about the Federalsburg Activity Center:

- Fire doors have been ordered
- Windows still need to be ordered
- Currently talking to Nanticoke Watershed Alliance about renting the activity center. If they agree, the lease will cover the mortgage and fees of the activity center.
- FAC will have a Fish Fry on Friday, August 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM until sold out.

Scott Phillips of Reliance Avenue reported the following:

- Mr. Phillips was happy that the house at 212 Academy was getting torn down.
- Thankful the State Highway Administration for the paving on Bloomingdale and Academy Avenues
- Voiced concerns about residents not following the town ordinance of pulling their trash cans back from the curb after trash collection has been completed.

- Questioned what is going on Hargreaves Drive.
- Expressed interest in being on the Planning and Zoning Commission

### **Supervisor's Reports:**

#### **Mike McDermott, Chief of Police, reported the following:**

- Crime Rate for July continues on a downward trend.
- Gave a brief summary of recent calls for service
- Speed Camera is operational and has flagged 175 violations for speeding since the beginning of August
- K9 Mosley was recertified in July and is doing great
- Identified a suspect for racing on town streets on a dirt bike.

#### **Abid Khan, Superintendent Water/Wastewater, reported the following:**

- Gave a brief summary about the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Met with George Smith and staff regarding budget needs and upgrades for the plant
- Spoke with a company about new pumps for the Brooklyn Avenue Pump Station.
- Installed new meter at Maryland Plastics.

#### **Eric Hall, Supervisor of Maintenance, reported the following:**

- Will begin cleaning up the alley behind the businesses on Main Street
- Working on getting curb/hydrants painted, weeding flower beds and sidewalks on Main Street
- Tennis Courts have been weeded and cleaned up and are now usable
- Playground equipment at the Marina has been repaired

#### **Nate Newsome, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the following:**

- Has issued 17 new warnings about grass cutting
- Issued a building permit to the new laundromat on South Main Street and also gave a warning to cut the weeds around the property
- A camera is being installed in the alley behind the businesses on Main Street to monitor trash dumping.

**Mercedes Moyer, Grants Administrator, reported the following:**

- Learned that there is a fitness equipment grant open from August 2019. A representative from the grant requested closeout info. So staff is working with them to close out the grant and finish the project.
- Learned that the town cannot use funding from Community Parks and Playgrounds or Open Space funds on any project completed within 20 years. This includes the skatepark, tennis court, or the splash pad grants were completed on those areas within 20 years
- Found funds to assist with, hopefully cover the work needed on Chambers Dam
- Spoke with representatives from CDBG and GMB about the grant for the pump stations
- DNR submitted a proposal for a grant to fix portions of the marina bulkhead and paving in the parking area. Work on this grant is still in progress.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks & Recreation Committee, reported the following:**

- \$1,363.07 in the account
- Music on the Marshyhope will be Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the marina
- Parks and Rec meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Upcoming fundraisers include: Bingo, Ladies Paint Night, selling of hot chocolate, coffee and hotdogs at the Christmas parade.
- Another Music on the Marshyhope will be held in October

**Request to Connect to Town Sewer:**

Councilmember James made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero accepting the request to allow 308 Old Denton Road to connect to the towns water and sewer as long as all fees were paid in full by the property owner.

**Mayor & Council Action Items**

**Councilmember Williamson reported the following:**

- Nothing at this time

**Councilmember James reported the following:**

- Questioned the status of updating the town's website. Town Manager Marshall stated that staff has taken some training with the website provider. This is a work in progress.
- Requested the Unity Day celebration event be posted on the town's signs and Facebook page.

**Councilmember Sewell reported the following:**

- Nothing at this time

**Councilmember Hammond reported the following:**

- Nothing at this time

**Mayor Abner reported the following:**

- Questioned a flag missing on the bridge. Town Manager Marshall stated that the flag and pole were damaged when they blew down in a recent storm. PW has ordered a new flag and pole.

**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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Smith, Town Clerk