

Mayor & Council of Federalsburg
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2023
6:00 PM

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held their regular monthly meeting on December 4, 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, 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.

Request for Closed Session - Personnel Matters:

Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to go into Closed Session at 5:14 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting reconvened at 5:57 pm. Mayor Abner reported that the Mayor and Council met in closed session from 5:14 to 5:57 PM with the Town Attorney and Town Manager to discuss a personnel matter. No decisions were made.

Call to Order

Mayor Abner called the Mayor and Council regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Abner welcomed all guests that were present and 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 November 20, 2023 Mayor and Council workshop meeting as presented.

Bicentennial Honorees:

Community Honoree - Mr. Wayne Cole - Mayor Abner read a biography about Mr. Cole and all the hard work and dedication he has provided to the Town over many years. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Cole, and congratulated him on being named Community Bicentennial Honoree.

Community Honoree - DeJour Acree - DeJour Acree was honored for representing and winning the District 2 "If I were the Mayor" contest. Mayor Abner read DeJour's winning essay. DeJour will also be joining the Mayor at the tree lighting ceremony and the Christmas Parade.

Peter Bozick, GMB Engineering - Discussion on Pending Projects:

Mr. Peter Bozick, a representative from George, Miles, & Buhr Engineering (GMB) gave a status update for the paving of roads project in the Town of Federalsburg. Mr. Bozick presented plans based on field work and a geotechnical study that paving of the roads would be completed in phases. The first phase of paving the roads would include Greenridge Road and Park Lane. The second phase of paving of roads would include Brooklyn Avenue and Gerardi Blvd.

For phase 1, Greenridge Road and Park Lane, the plan calls for undercutting the asphalt from two inches to four inches, laying stone, installing sidewalk, curb, gutter, then asphalt overlay on the two roads. The cost of this phase changed from \$860,000 to \$3,000,000 due to unexpected changes that are needed to complete these two roads.

For phase 2, Brooklyn Avenue and Gerardi Blvd. The original plan calls for milling the existing roads down to the base and filling in the spots without doing an overlay of asphalt until a later date.

Mayor Abner voiced her concerns about the pricing difference. She also requested we get updated pricing of the project and compare it to ARPA and government funding available.

Councilmember James voiced her concerns about the deteriorating condition of Brooklyn Avenue and Gerardi Blvd.

Councilmember Williamson would like a comparison of the cost of milling down to the base and paving an overlay as compared to doing milling and patch work on Brooklyn Avenue and Gerardi Blvd.

The Mayor and Council proposed that this project be done in blocks within each phase based on our budget. The Mayor and Council requested the Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan and GMB work together in coming up with prices and then put the project out for bidding.

Discussion-Sale/Lease of Garbage Truck

Town Manager Kristy Marshall reached out to Mid Atlantic to obtain an estimate on the repairs needed to the town's trash truck, in order to get an idea of the value of the truck. Mid Atlantic is unable to look at the truck until sometime after the holidays. Bigg Tyme Trash Company will be distributing the large dumpsters starting the week of December 11, 2023.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Wendy Garner, of Bloomingdale Avenue, questioned if there was an ordinance for types of signage permitted for businesses. She voiced her concern that the sign for the new Smoke Shop does not go with the rest of the signs on the street.

Mr. James Thomas, of South University Avenue, questioned Town Manager Kristy Marshall and Town Clerk Sandra Smith when his water/sewer check would be clear. Kristy Marshall explained that an update in software was complete and that processing of water bills has already begun.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Williamson: Nothing to report at this time

Councilmember James: Nothing to report at this time

Councilmember Sewell: Reported the following:

- Would like MAS (Cannabis Plant) to provide a little more details of their Phase 1 project out on Reliance Avenue.
- The light to the back door of the Mayor and Council building needs to be replaced.

Council Member Hammond: Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Abner: Reported the following:

- Federalsburg's Christmas parade will be held Monday, December 11, 2023
- Christmas at Chambers Park will be on Sunday, December 17, 2023
- Explained that the Town of Federalsburg would like to join the Preston Business Alliance. It is free to anyone that would like to join.

Adjournment:

There being no further business. Councilmember James made a motion seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Smith
Town Clerk