

Mayor and Council of Federalsburg
Monday, July 24, 2023
Regular Meeting and Work Shop @ 6 PM

This meeting is being held at the Mayor and Council Meeting Room located at 118 North Main Street.
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Welcome, Pledge

Agenda

- I. Call To Order
- II. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Everest Water Tower Lease
- IV. Discussion - Compensation
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Mayor & Council Action Items
 - Councilmember Windsor
 - Councilmember Sewell
 - Councilmember Phillips
 - Councilmember Willoughby
 - Mayor Abner
- VII. Request for Executive Session – Personnel Matter
- VIII. Adjournment

NOTES:

THE MEETINGS ARE BEING RECORDED, PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELLULAR DEVICES AND PAGERS DURING THE MEETING, PLEASE REMAIN QUIET, UNLESS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL.

Please Note: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article Section 10-508(a), the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the

meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session; the chair will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such session. Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of the Mayor and Council meetings can be held in closed session under the authority of the state open meetings law by vote of the Mayor and Council.

Rules for Public Comment

The Mayor and Council invite and welcome comments at public meetings. The Mayor or presiding officer will recognize you. Please introduce yourself at the podium (spelling your last name, for recording purposes) and give the name of your street and block number (e.g., 100 block of Main Street).

Time limits for speaking are indicated on the meeting agenda. While speaking, please maintain a courteous tone and avoid personal attack.

Mayor & Council
Special Meeting & Monthly Workshop
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
6:00 pm

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held a special meeting and monthly workshop on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Mayor & Council meeting room located at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Abner and Councilmembers Sewell, Phillips, Willoughby and Windsor. Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, staff zoomed and members of the public were also present.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2023-01

Councilmember Winder made a motion seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-01 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Abner read Ordinance No. 2023-01, of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg adopting a general budget and enterprise budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and establishing a tax rate of \$0.88 per \$100 of assessed real property value and a tax rate of \$1.65 per \$100 on all commercial or business personal property and all railroad and utility property; establishing and adopting the same service and administrative fee for semi-annual billings as adopted by Caroline County; establishing a quarterly waste collection fee in the amount of \$53.94 per quarter for commercial properties which receive waste collection services for all residential properties located within the corporate town boundaries; and establishing a \$10.00 per item charge for extra waste collection items.

Mayor Abner called for comments or questions regarding Ordinance No. 2023-01. There were none.

Councilmember Winder made a motion seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-01 at 6:03 pm.

Call To Order

Mayor Abner called the regular Mayor and Council meeting to order at 6:04 pm, welcomed all guests present and lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

Mr. Ian Ferguson representing the Maryland Food Bank, requested permission to use the town parking lot on Morris Avenue for a free food giveaway. He stated that he would bring a truck filled with groceries for approximately 100 residents to shop free of charge. The selection would include meats, eggs, milk, produce and other pantry staples. Residents will be able to walk through and pick what they would like, instead of getting a pre-packed box of items.

The Mayor and Council were in agreement with giving permission to Mr. Ferguson. He was asked to contact the Town Office with more details regarding dates and times, so that the town can also share this info with the public.

Bicentennial Honorees

Community Honoree – Susan Runnels – Mayor Abner read a biography for Mrs. Runnels.

Legacy Honoree – Mary B. Holt – Mayor Abner read a biography for Ms. Mary Holt.

Appointment of Planning Commission Members

Presently, the Planning & Zoning Commission has two vacancies on the board. Lisa Donmoyer and Von Massey have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Commission for a five-year term.

Councilmember Sewell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to appoint Lisa Donmoyer and Von Massey to the Planning Commission for a term of five years starting June 2023.

Action on Ordinance No. 2023-01

Mayor Abner stated that a Public Hearing was held at 6 pm to hear comments on Ordinance No. 2023-01 of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg adopting a general budget and enterprise budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and establishing a tax rate of \$0.88 per \$100 of assessed real property value and a tax rate of \$1.65 per \$100 on all commercial or business personal property and all railroad and utility property; establishing and adopting the same service and administrative fee for semi-annual billings as adopted by Caroline County; establishing a quarterly waste collection fee in the amount of \$53.94 per quarter for commercial properties which receive waste collection services for all residential properties located within the corporate town boundaries; and establishing a \$10.00 per item charge for extra waste collection items.

Councilmember Windsor made a motion seconded by Councilmember Windsor and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero approving Ordinance No. 2023-01 as presented.

Project Status Update

Town Manager DiRe reported that he has composed a list of the current and ongoing projects within the Town, and placed it on the Share Drive with the Mayor and Council. This list shows status and gives some pertinent information needed for follow-up since Mr. DiRe will be leaving his employment with Federalsburg in a couple of weeks.

Mayor & Council Action Items

Councilmember Windsor – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Sewell – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Phillips – Councilmember Phillips thanked the owners of the former Bank of America building for boarding up the broken window in the front of the building.

Councilmember Willoughby – Councilmember Willoughby asked about residents questioning new water bills and how we planned to get information out to the residents. Mayor Abner stated that she was preparing a post for Facebook and the website to give residents the Eye On Water info to be able to follow their water and sewer accounts.

Mayor Abner – Mayor Abner reported that the Lions Club recently installed several BBQ grills in Chambers Park (1 by the pavilion and 2 by the picnic tables). And they will be installing a couple of benches in the park in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Abner reported that M&M Carnot held a ribbon cutting event at their facility. They talked about plans for expansion and growth to the economy. It was a great event.

Mayor Abner, and Councilmembers Sewell and Willoughby will be attending the MML Convention in Ocean City next week.

Mayor Abner thanked Town Manager DiRe for all his hard work with the Town of Federalsburg, and putting Federalsburg on the right path financially and wished him the best of luck.

Request for Closed Session – Personnel Matters

Councilmember willoughby made a motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously passed by a vote of five to go into Closed Session at 6:43 pm to discuss personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilmember Willoughby made a motion seconded by Councilmember Sewell and unanimously passed by a vote of five to zero to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy L. Marshall
Clerk – Treasurer

Closed Session 643 pm - 740 pm

Close – Ed/Debi

Personnel

Pw reorganization

Legal discussion