

**Mayor & Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 6, 2023  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor & Council of Federalsburg held a meeting on November 6, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

Pastor Keith Colona led the Invocation.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Abner issued a proclamation for the Town of Federalsburg that November is Municipal Government Workers Month.

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

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James and unanimously approved by a vote of four to zero approving the minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting.

**Discussion - Lease of Town Garbage Truck**

Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, presented the draft lease agreement to the Mayor and Council. A representative from Bigg Tyme Trash Company was present. There was some discussion about possible changes to the agreement that would need to be reviewed with the Owners of the Company and negotiated. It was agreed by all to table discussion until the Mayor and Council and Bigg Tyme Trash Company have more time to review and make changes.

## **Discussion - Culpeper Wood Preservers- MDE Application:**

Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney explained to the Mayor and Council that Culpeper Wood Preservers, is applying for an industrial kiln to be located on their property for the purpose of drying wood. The Mayor and Council had questions regarding the impact the kiln would have on the environment in and around the area. After some discussion, it was agreed that Lyndsey Ryan will write a letter requesting an informational meeting with MDE and Culpeper. MDE and Culpeper will then be required to inform the public about the date and time of the public meeting.

## **Update on ARPA**

Interim Town Manager, Kristy Marshall gave an update on ARPA funding. There is currently \$1.4 million dollars in the ARPA account. Kristy stated that she recently spoke with Mr. Peter Bozick of GMB, about the road paving project. \$800,000 is currently budgeted out of the ARPA fund for paving of roads within town limits.

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Roberta Butler of Brooklyn Avenue voiced concerns regarding Brooklyn Avenue. She requested that the name of Gerardi Avenue be changed to Alma Bolden Avenue. She also stated that people are speeding and not stopping at the four way stop sign on Brooklyn/Gerardi Avenues. She requested the town police to monitor the area. Ms. Butler stated that Brooklyn Avenue is full of potholes and the entire road needs to be paved.

Mr. Bart Johnson of Charlotte Avenue congratulated everyone who serves the town for Municipal Government Week. Mr. Johnson also spoke about services that the Caroline County Public Library provides and encouraged residents to participate.

## **Mayor & Council Action Items**

**Councilmember James:** Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Sewell:** Reported the following:

- The next Caroline County Association of Municipalities (CCAM) meeting will be held Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Goldsboro.
- Gave a shout out to the Town of Greensboro for posting all the Christmas/holiday events that will be hosted in Caroline County.

**Council Member Hammond:** Nothing at this time.

**Mayor Abner:** Reported the following:

- On November 4th, the Veteran's Day Parade and the Madness on the Marshyhope Catfish Tournament were held and both were a success. There were 198 fish caught, weighing 438 pounds; the largest catfish weighed 26.9 pounds
- Reminder to everyone to sign up for Savvy Citizen. It is a great way to know what is going on in Federalsburg.

### **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 6:42 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:44 PM.

The Mayor and Council met in closed session from 6:42 PM - 7:44 PM with the Town Attorney to discuss a personnel matter and no decisions were made.

### **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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Smith  
Assistant Clerk