

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE
Commission Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2016

Present: President William H. Faust, II
Commissioner Ronald Ford
Commissioner Kevin Kerr

Town Manager: Elizabeth Manning

President Faust called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting: The minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ford; a second was made by Kerr; a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Fire Company: Ira Russell stated that it was approved that the Town can use the Fire Company Sign for important announcements.

MES Report: The report was reviewed.

Neighborhood Watch: There was no report.

Sheriff Department: There was no report.

Library: Library Report was reviewed.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled in February.

Financial Report: Manning reviewed the financial report.

Town Manager: The Town Manager report was reviewed. A motion to request bids for code enforcement was made by Ford, a second was made by Kerr; a vote of 3-0 was entered. American Tower purchased the Verizon Tower lease and is offering the Town 3 options for the use of the tower located at the WWTP. Option 1: would be a buy out in the amount of \$170,000.00 with a perpetual easement; Option 2: payout the lease in 120 months with a perpetual easement; or Option 3: keep the agreement as is until 2032 at which time renewal of the lease would be renegotiated. A motion to maintain the lease as is until 2032 at which time renewal and renegotiation will occur was made by Ford, a second was made by Kerr; a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Code Enforcement: The code enforcement report was reviewed.

Engineer Report: Water Loop – Project is completed and final payment is in process. WWTP – There will be a meeting with the contractor and the electrical sub-contractor on March 3. The contractor is supposed to start work again on March 7. The next progress meeting will also be on March 7.

Action Items:

HB1344 Support Letter: Faust explained the purpose of HB1344. The Commissioners agreed to send the support letter to the appropriate parties.

Public Comments:

There was an inquiry as to the status of the Barclay Project. The funding for the project needs to be in place before more steps can be taken, the County has to change their Comprehensive Plan because of the Barclay Annexation. We are hoping to start by summer/fall of 2016.

There was a question regarding the canopy at Phillips and the need for a permit. The canopy was not replaced; therefore, a permit was not required.

Sudlersville is hosting the QAC COG meeting on March 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The Town members of COG would like to present Margie Houck a gift to thank her for her service as she is stepping down.

A motion to go into closed session to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation was made by Ford, a second was made by Kerr; a vote of 3-0 was entered. The Commissioners discussed hiring a construction litigator to assist the Town with the WWTP construction project. A motion to exit closed session was made by Ford, a second was made by Kerr; a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Faust announced that the Commissioners agreed to hire Mitchell Kearney of Kearney, Drechsler, & Awalt, LLC to assist the Town in legal matters with the WWTP construction project.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kerr, a second was made by Ford; a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marshall
Town Clerk