

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE
Commission Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2018

Present: President Ronald Ford
Commissioner David Rufner
Commissioner Connie Engrem
Commissioner Kevin Kerr
Commissioner Carrie Comegys

Town Manager: Jo Manning

Public in Attendance: Faye Williams, Chief Joey Apple of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, Thurston Harris, Brian DeMoss, Will Wallace, David Taylor, E. Theodore Kimble, Record Observer, Reese Coleman

President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting: A motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting was made by Engrem, a second by Kerr, a vote of 5-0 was entered. A motion to approve the closed session minutes was made by Kerr; a second was made by Ruffner, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

At this year's election, no one ran for the office of Commissioner. A motion was made by Kerr to reappoint Constance Engrem to another term, a second was made by Ruffner, a vote of 4-0-1 was entered. Constance Engrem was sworn in by Jo Manning as Commissioner. The annual selection of President and Vice-President was completed with Ron Ford nominated as President and David Ruffner nominated as Vice President. The Commissioners approved the meeting schedule for 2018-2019 with the exception of the July 2018 meeting which will be on the 11th of July due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Fire Company: Chief Apple reminded everyone of this week's parade and carnival. President Ford presented a \$5,000 donation from Queen Anne's County Commissioners to the fire company for fireworks.

Sheriff's Department: No report was provided.

Library: No report was provided.

MES Report: MES report was reviewed.

Town Manager Report: Report was reviewed.

Engineer Report: Peter Bourne discussed the meeting with MDE recently held in Sudlersville; the meeting topic was revenue sources and fundability of the various projects in Sudlersville (WTP, WWTP, Barclay). There is concern of the fundability on all three utility projects (WTP, WWTP, Barclay). MDE requested a clarification of income sources and stated once this is resolved they will begin the issuance of the necessary permits and funding documents for the Barclay project. He explained there

was a discussion of transferring the existing WWTP loan from USDA to MDE with a decreased interest rate which would result in a significant cost savings. Faye Williams asked about the estimated \$300,000 still owed from Barclay. Peter explained the reimbursement will come from the funding sources once the project begins. Barclay resident Thurston Harris asked why the Town of Barclay owes this money to the Town of Sudlersville. Bourne explained this is part of the total project which is part of the funding package. Bourne explained the payment for the Barclay property owners will be used to pay for the design, construction, and part of the maintenance and operations of the system. Demoss asked why Barclay Commission was not included in the meeting with MDE and when would the copies of the invoices be forwarded to the Commission. Bourne explained due to the overwhelming demand of the litigation minor tasks have been pushed into the future; copies will be made and forwarded at the staff's earliest convenience.

President Ford asked about the possibility of a sewer distribution line from Templeville. Bourne stated they are interested as is Marydel and Henderson. Ford asked if a meeting could be possible with these three towns.

Mrs. Williams expressed her opinion that we need to take care of Sudlersville's problems before worrying about the problems in Barclay. Mr. Kimble explained we need to complete and implement the Barclay wastewater distribution system in order to help pay the costs of the various funding. Williams stressed she feels Barclay should help us, their Commission needs to stand up for Sudlersville.

Bourne explained the sewer plant is doing well with effluent levels. The Town received a letter from MDE regarding non-compliance of permitting issues. The Town, KCI, and MES are working towards a response to these issues.

New Business:

The Commissioners reviewed the fire company request for a credit to be issued on their current utility bill due to a water break in the old middle school building during the winter. A motion to approve a credit of \$1,983.36 was made by Kerr, a second by Ruffner, a vote of 5-0 to approve was entered. Kevin reminded everyone that credits are allowed one time every 10 years.

Manning distributed a draft of procedures for renting the Town Hall. The new procedures state that reimbursement of the fee will not be completed until one week after completion of inspection. Discussion continued regarding time limits and cooking on the premises. A copy of the procedures and new agreement will be forwarded to everyone including Mr. Yeager for review and comment.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing for the annual budget opened at 7:40 PM. The Commissioners reviewed the Budget and understood the budget was flat-lined from last year with no significant changes. A motion to approve the budget was made by Ruffner, a second by Kerr, a vote of 5-0 to accept was entered.

Public Comments:

An inquiry was made as to the status of the BDC property donation. Manning explained the property has been transferred to the Town. She will be contacting Yeager with regards to the proper procedures to sell the property.

Mrs. Williams asked that packets of information be prepared instead of papers being left on the table for collection by attendees.

With no further information to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Kerr, a second by Ruffner, a vote of 5-0 was entered with the meeting being adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Patterson
Town Clerk