

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE
Commissioners Minutes
January 2, 2019

Present: President Ronald Ford
Commissioner David Ruffner
Commissioner Carrie Comegys
Commissioner Kevin Kerr

Town Manager: Jo Manning

Attendance: Joey Apple of Sudlersville Vol. Fire Company, Connie Engrem, Bill Comegys, Reese Coleman, E.T. Kimble, Thurston Harris, Robert Nicholson, John Woodfield of Delmarva Wi Fi, and Peter Bourne of KCI.

President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

December 5, 2018 Commission Meeting: Ruffner entered a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting, Comegys seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Fire Company: No report

Sheriff Report: No report

Library Report: Included

MES Report: Included

Engineer's Report: Peter Bourne advised no new news regarding the Barclay project or the WWTP issues. The Town is working with QA County Public Works to reapply for funding for the Barclay project, we hope to receive a total grant package instead of a loan package; a revised letter from the Health Department will be submitted with the new funding packet. Still working with the Town and MES to develop a list of unfinished items and items of concern for MDE's review for funding to complete the WWTP project. Ruffner asked if Wickersham would be responsible for any of the cost to get in compliance, Bourne emphasized this would be a decision made by the Courts.

Planning Commission Report: No report due to cancellation of meeting.

Town Administrator Report: Manning asked the commission for a decision on repair for East Pump Station, Kerr entered a motion to purchase the display part, Ruffner seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered. Manning reported the light on the front of the town office was broken by the maintenance department, a decision to purchase a LED with photo cell was made. Manning reported of properties found that have converted to their well for water usage instead of the public water system. Letters were mailed to these property owners. Discussion ensued regarding loss of monies, ordinance requirements, and legal aspects of this situation. Mr. Kimble suggested a flyer be prepared to remind residents of this requirement and consequences if failure to comply. Manning will discuss this with Yeager and draft a notice.

New Business:

An application to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Connie Engrem was submitted by Larry Leonard. A motion to appoint Mr. Leonard to the Commission was made by Ruffner, Kerr seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2018-03, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was opened at 6:45 PM. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:50 PM. Ruffner entered a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-03 amending the Zoning Ordinance, Kerr seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

A public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2018-01, repeal of previously approved Automobile Trailer Ordinance was opened at 6:55 PM. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:00 PM. Ruffner entered a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 repealing a previously approved Automobile Trailer Ordinance, Kerr seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

A public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2018-02, revision to Water Ordinance was opened at 7:10 PM. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM. Ruffner entered a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 amending the Water Ordinance, Kerr seconded the motion, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

John Woodfield of Delmarva WiFi requested permission to bring fiber optics to the water tower. Manning advised any work to be done will be scheduled by the town with a 2-day notice. Manning requested specs for the work to be done. Manning asked about hotspots. Woodfield shared the reach of a hotspot is a few hundred feet. Mr. Kimble offered his building on Miller Avenue as a future location for a hotspot.

Public comment:

Connie Engrem asked about the right-of-way on 208 N Church for an alternative entrance to the Town's surplus property. Manning explained that part of the agreement to accept this property was to remove that right-of-way. The Town will meet with the new owner in the future to discuss the possibility of a utility easement.

With no further business to discuss Kerr entered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, Ruffner seconded the motion, a 4-0 vote was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Patterson
Town Clerk