

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE

Commissioners Minutes

April 1, 2020

Present: President Ronald Ford
Commissioner Dave Ruffner via Go to Meeting
Commissioner Carrie Comegys
Commissioner Larry Leonard
Commissioner Charles Leager

Town Clerk: Crissy Talty

Attendance: Crissy Talty, Tom Yeager town lawyer, and Viewers by Go to meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Ford announced a copy of what they were voting on would be on the website for the public to read.

Minutes from March 4, 2020 meeting: Charlie Leager entered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting, Ruffner seconded the motion, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Fire Company Report:

Sheriff:

Library Report:

MES Report: Included in the packet.

Engineering Report:

Planning Commission:

Public hearing:

Old Business:

- 1) Betterment Club- All the commissioners signed a drafted letter by the betterment club and sent it out.
- 2) A copy of the audit report has been posted on the website for the public to view.

New Business:

- Introduction of a noise ordinance- The Pastrana project state that they have an ongoing noise study for the prospective project they are building. It would only add amendments and exemptions to the noise ordinance. Ron Ford introduced the noise ordinance and there will be amendments and a public hearing and vote at a later date. He directed Crissy to schedule it for a hearing.

- Offer on the surplus property- E.T. Kimble has put a bid of \$60,000.00 since putting in that bid, he has offered \$850.00 an acre more for a total amount of \$66,188. The Pastrana Racing LLC group put in a bid of \$125,000. The commissioners discussed this, a motion was made by Carrie Comegys to accept the Pastrana Racing LLC offer, Larry Leonard seconded, a vote of 5-0 was recorded, motion passed to accept the Pastrana offer.
- Postponement of the Town election- Currently the state Of Maryland is under a state of emergency due to COVID-19, the charter does not provide for any mechanism to postpone an election. Therefore, a charter amendment resolution is required. Tom Yeager the town lawyer has created an amendment resolution for this in the event of a public health emergency of any kind, this also provides for amendments and revisions to procedures of elections. All candidates are still considered and do not need to remit another nomination. A motion was made to amend the charter by Charles Leager to amend the Charter a second by Carrie Comegys a vote of 5-0 was recorded motion passed and made effective tonight. The election will be postponed. A motion was made for a resolution to postpone the May 2020 election until July 2020 by Charles Leager seconded by Carrie Comegys a vote of 5-0 recorded, the election will be postponed until the fourth Monday in July a sixty-day postponement of this also postpones all other election process dates. Tom Yeager drafted a letter to Governor Hogan providing notice to him about the election changes.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-01 brought to order by Ron Ford- Clarifying and better describing the types of uses that fall under “Outdoor Recreational Facility” category and those that fall under the “Outdoor Commercial Amusement, Indoor Arcade” category. Commissioner Ford read the amendment out.

Pastrana group made a presentation, Joe Stevens says thank you for all the effort, the ordinance is about clarification so its clear that the proposed site plan that Pastrana Racing has is allowed with the provisions regarding assembly and entertainment were allowed with conditions.

Public Comment: Many residents voiced the approval of this ordinance and support to Pastrana Racing.

Bill Faust states the Fire Company supports it.

Suzanne Harris- doesn’t understand why the commissioners want to take the power away from the planning commission? So, they can arbitrarily change their mind or modify zoning.

Mike Faust- Supports Pastrana, did not hear anything negative about this.

Jay Falstad- opposes

Faye Williams- Supports this ordinance, and Pastrana coming to town.

Lynn Winterstien has any of the noise ordinances been done or times of operations? Tom Yeager states this is a question not a comment and it needs to be addressed by the developer.

Barry Griffith- we are working on this project, diligently working on the noise and traffic study, they will present it and there will be plenty of time for public comment on these issues.

Greg French- Appreciate all the work and encouragement. We look forward to moving forward with this project and presenting to Planning commission.

Public Hearing concluded.

A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2020-01 by Carrie Comegys second by Larry Leonard vote of 5-0 recorded motion passed.

Faye Williams- This has been a learning experience for everyone, we should have tested it out. Ron Ford says he hopes we get it perfected, but he hopes we don't have to do this many more times.

Faye says that they still don't know what they didn't hear, Tom Yeager suggests the President state what was said as per the reports President Ford goes back over reports that there were none.

Suzanne Harris request noise ordinance on website. President Ford asks Crissy to get them up on the website.

Adjournment: With no further issues to discuss a motion was made by Larry Leonard at 8:45 to adjourn the meeting, Comegys seconded the motion, and a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Crissy Talty

Town Clerk