

**BOONSBORO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 31, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of Boonsboro held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023 in the Meeting Chambers to set the Regular Session Agenda for Monday, August 14, 2023. The Meeting was streamed via GoToMeeting. In attendance were Mayor Howard Long, Assistant Mayor Tony Nally, Council Members Ray Hanson, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Ricky Weaver. Also present were Town Manager Jared Schumacher, Office Manager Kimberly Miller and Police Chief Kevin Morgan. Council Member Terri Hollingshead was absent. The meeting convened at 7:00PM.

Citizen Comments:

- **David Bell, 22 St. Paul Street:** Voiced his concerns regarding the ongoing situation with the RV parked in the back yard of 21 St. Paul Street. Stated that the residents bought the property in November 2022 and have been living in the RV since then while they renovate the house. Stated that the residents on Lakin Avenue whose yards back to the alley and property have concerns as well. Stated that there is a sewage smell. Asked how long people can live in an RV. Council reviewed that the Town Ordinance states that people can not live in RVs in the front or side of their property but does not have anything about the backyard. Staff will check with Washington County to see what the rules are.
- **Anita Sweigert, 56 St. Paul Street:** Voiced her ongoing concerns regarding 50 St. Paul Street. Stated that she understands that a Property Maintenance Code violation letter was mailed about the tall grass and weeds on the property. Stated that there are construction supplies everywhere and no one is doing anything to finish the project.

Treasurer's Report – June 2023 (Tabled at the July 10, 2023 Meeting) **Motion** by Council Member Kitchen, second by Council Member Weaver to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report, with Council Member Kerns abstaining. **Motion carried.**

Town Manager Report – J. Schumacher

- Stated that Mayor Long and he met with Senator Paul Corderman this morning about the Town's recent loss of funding. Stated that Senator Corderman suggested other sources to reach out to.
- Stated that the Town has reached out to Governor Moore for funding help.
 - Assistant Mayor Nally stated that Town Manager Schumacher and he are heading to MACo August 16 to 19, 2023 to look for funding for the Town. Stated that Superintendent Shumaker reported to the BMUC that the Reservoir may be leaking more. Stated that during WRA's presentation at the BMUC Meeting on July 27, 2023 it was discussed that after the Reservoir is replaced it will increase the pressure on the Crestview line and that the parallel line will need replaced simultaneously with the Reservoir Replacement Project.

Police Department Report – K. Morgan

- Stated that YouTuber Shaun Porter plans to hold a protest on Saturday, August 5, 2023 in the Town Square. Stated that there is nothing they can do to prevent the book and Gay Pride flag burning in response to the Gifts Inn Boonsboro employees Facebook comments, but that they can charge him after the fact.

Status Update – National Road Museum: Town Manager Schumacher stated that Mayor Long, Superintendent Shumaker, Superintendent Huntsberry and he met with Dick Keesecker from the National Road Museum and requested a renovation plan and a detailed list of everything that needs completed for them to open the Museum to the public. He stated that the list has not been submitted yet, but that the Town should plan to work with the National Road Foundation. Assistant Mayor Nally shared the Herald-Mail Newspaper article about the Museum and stated that he does not appreciate that it made the Town look like bad landlords.

Status Update – Chase Six – Maple Avenue – Campus Avenue Intersection Project: Mayor Long stated that the State Highway Administration made suggestions regarding the Chase Six - Maple Avenue – Campus Avenue Intersection Project and forwarded them to Fletcher's Grove Community developer Jim Draper. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Draper and reminded him that the longer he holds up the review of the SHA's comments and his response, the longer it will be until the Town can draw up a Memorandum of Understanding and start moving forward with the Intersection Project. He further stated that it is in Mr. Draper's hands right now.

Project Update – Meeting with Soil Conservation (Volute Press Project): Mayor Long stated that Superintendent Pete Shumaker and he met with Soil Conservation and that all of the permits are approved, and the Volute Press Project will be moving forward very soon.

Assistant Mayor Nally, on behalf of the Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission, stated that Commission Member Dave Wade's term is up for renewal. **(NEW BUSINESS)**

Assistant Mayor Nally stated that former Town Council Member and Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission Member Ray Hoffman passed away on July 25, 2023. He stated that the BMUC plans to honor him with a plaque at the Volute Press because he was instrumental in getting the Project started. Council suggested making a donation to St. Jude in his honor and will discuss this with the BMUC.

Assistant Mayor Nally stated that there are loose chickens running around Kerns Drive, David Drive and Thompson Court. He stated that something needs to be done because the limit is 3 chickens per property, and they must be contained in a coop.

Council Member Weaver stated that there was an article in the Herald-Mail about the Born Learning Trail in Shafer Park that was donated by the United Way. He stated that our trail is one of only two in the State.

Motion by Assistant Mayor Nally, second by Council Member Kerns to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50PM and move into Executive Session as provided under General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (4) consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Assistant Mayor Nally, second by Council Member Weaver to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:10PM. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Council Member Weaver, second by Council Member Kerns to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:12PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly A. Miller, Office Manager