

## **May 9, 2016 Town Council Meeting:**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2016.
- Announced the Candidates for the June 6, 2016 Town Election - **Mayor:** *Tracey Furman*; **Town Council:** *Sean McMullen* and *Duane Rollins* for the two Council seats.
- Adopted Ordinance No. O-01-2016 - Town Operating and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2016-17 (FY17), as amended to increase unappropriated surplus by \$25,000, and to increase General Government expenses by \$25,000 for the contribution to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation.
- Approved Resolution No. R-09-2016 - Authorizing payment of a contribution in the amount of \$25,000 from the FY17 Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the proposed renovation project.

## **May 9, 2016**

### **Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Town Council Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

### **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

Mayor Fosselman reported he spoke with Governor Hogan's Office, and that the median improvement project along Connecticut Avenue has been re-funded and placed on the State Highway Administration's schedule to complete the brick pavers and landscaping.

The Mayor announced the Candidates for the June 6, 2016 Town Election – Mayor: Tracey Furman; and the Candidates for the two Council Seats are: Sean McMullen and Duane Rollins.

Council Member McMullen updated the Council on the Walter Johnson Cluster roundtable discussions, as the local PTA's sent out surveys to their members identifying possible solutions to the overcrowding issues; he clarified that neither the survey or roundtable discussions are suggesting that the existing school boundaries be changed, and that the Town will have an opportunity to comment once the final report has been submitted.

Council Member Furman presented a draft of the proposed language for the plaque dedicating the Howard Avenue Park pergola to Wat Stewart, the founder of the Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series, at the June 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date of June 11<sup>th</sup>) concert.

### **From the Town Manger and Staff**

Town Manager Daily presented a proof, along with a quote, of the proposed new entryway signs to be located on Kent Street; Lexington Street; St. Paul Street; and Summit Avenue, in an effort

to help identify the Town's boundaries. The signs would be similar to the existing sign located at the intersection of Knowles and Summit Avenues, however slightly smaller.

The Mayor stated he received positive feedback from the property owners where the new signs will be placed; however, he noted that the signs will be placed within the public right-of-way, and not on private property. The Mayor also noted that the Antique Row sign at the corner of Connecticut and Howard Avenues will be updated to correspond with the Town's Shop, Dine, Events, and Art campaign.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of the gateway signs; however, he noted that the sign at University Boulevard and Perry Avenue obstructs the view of oncoming traffic when turning.

The Mayor stated that the Town will review the signs location and see if the sight line issues can be improved.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee met on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and is currently reviewing the proposed design for the installation of a new crosswalk at Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue. The Committee will revisit the crosswalk during their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, and will also discuss the following: 1) traffic counts on Armory Avenue in response to closing the street during 'Food Truck Night'; 2) the possible use of flashing stop signs in certain location in response to Resident complaints; and 3) the use of temporary speed humps and bumps at the intersection of Baltimore Street, Prospect Street, and Washington Street.

Katie Rangos suggested a speed hump be placed near the curve of Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place due to the number of children that play on the street.

Council Member McMullen noted that the Traffic Committee will be reaching out to neighbors about the possibility of placing a temporary speed hump at the intersection of Frederick Avenue and Frederick Place.

Jack Gaffey requested that the stop sign at Frederick Avenue and Kent Street be monitored.

Joseph Campbell questioned the length of time the temporary speed humps would be in place, and if they have been successful in other jurisdictions.

Council Member McMullen and Town Manager Daily explained that the temporary speed humps and bumps are a pilot program and they plan to review their placement after six (6) months. They also stated that the humps have worked in other jurisdictions and the total cost of the speed hump and bump purchase was \$700.

### **From the Public –**

Zena Polin and Jerry Holiner, owners of The Daily Dish in Silver Spring, were present to announce that they will be purchasing Sub\*Urban Trading Company and opening a new restaurant, The Dish and Dram, later this summer.

Joseph Campbell asked Mayor Fosselman why he decided not to seek re-election, and spoke in support of his tenure as Mayor.

The Mayor stated he is proud to have served the Town for ten (10) years, and it was a personal decision not to seek re-election.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –**

Ordinance No. O-01-2016 – An Ordinance adopting the Town’s Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was presented for adoption. The Public Hearing was held on April 11, 2016, and the Public Record was held open until 4:00 pm on May 6, 2016. See Council Actions.

The Mayor stated comments received included the requests for funding for the Fall Festival, \$500; the Kensington Car Show, \$2,500; the Day of the Book Festival, \$2,500; the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation, \$25,000; and a request from Joseph Campbell to provide detailed salary information as part of the budget. The Mayor also noted that Duane Rollins requested a number of items, to include: maintenance issues, installation of bike lockers at the Metropolitan parking lot, changes to trash and recycling service, and a three-way stop at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street.

Town Manager Daily stated that the Budget details have been adjusted to account for the contributions requested, and the Budget Ordinance has been amended to increase the use of unappropriated surplus by \$25,000, and to increase general government expenses by \$25,000 towards the requested contribution by the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation.

Council Member Rodriquez questioned whether the donations should be the same for each of the Howard Avenue events.

The Council determined that the Fall Festival could request additional funding next year; however, they would approve the requested amount of \$500 for FY17.

Council Member McMullen suggested future budgets could include highlights, such as the salaries of the elected officials and Town Manager, and the proposed percentage increase to staff.

Town Manager Daily noted the current bike racks at the parking lot were not being used on a consistent basis, and that the existing trash, brush, and recycling contract will need to be re-bid, as we are in the last year of our contract with Unity Disposal, LLC.

Resolution No. R-09-2016 – A Resolution to authorize a contribution in the amount of \$25,000 to the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation from the FY17 Budget was presented for approval. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

### **Council Actions –**

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Town Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously. Council Member McMullen abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to amend Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2016, by increasing the budget by \$25,000 for the Noyes Children's Library Foundation contribution. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-01-2016 – An Ordinance adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was presented for adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.