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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING August 27, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Council President Cephas.

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Bovankovich gave the opening prayer.

Roll call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, Cummings, R. Murphy, and Rev. Cephas, Franz and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda: Motion E. Murphy to approve with the removal of b., 309 S. Main St., under old business. Second Cummings approved 5/0

Approval of Minutes:

August 13, 2018 Open Session – R. Murphy/Franz, approved 5/0.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that the force main replacement began August 20. The water tank is complete and the installation of the soda ash feeder and pump is finished. The Town will be Going Purple Friday the 31st for substance abuse awareness. Fall Clean Up will be Sept. 13th and 15th with a community shred day on the 15th.

Police Report: Chief Hutton reported there were a few minor arrests. Councilman E. Murphy asked about an incident the other day and why he was not able to get any information about it. Chief answered that it is an ongoing investigation and is not able to release any information at this time. Cephas thanked the police department.

Fire Department: Chief Trego said they only ran 4 calls in the last 2 weeks. They are involved in a lot of fund raising projects.

Old Business: Avery described the 3 bids that were received for the library roof replacement:

All Exteriors \$20,000; Robert Powell \$15,697 and Wilson Brooks Home Improvements \$13,786.85. Avery recommended awarding the contract to Wilson Brooks, the Council approved.

Council Comments: R. Murphy said the Suicide Walk is September 22nd. Suicide is everywhere it can be prevented. Cummings said he went to Ocean City for Maryland Association of Counties and attended classes. Councilwomen Franz spoke on a having a movie night possibly Sept. 21st. E. Murphy said he was contacted by MML and asked to be on one of their committees. E. Murphy asked about the train cars and Joe Spratt injury. Avery said Spratt broke a bone in the back of hand, the work on the train car floor is going forward. Cephas said that young people need a place for their programs, this is the year to make it happen. We now have the support of East New Market, Secretary and Vienna.

Public Comments: Monroe Quales said they (Ministers and Citizens) have been trying to acquire 309 S. Main St. and asked for a letter of support from the Town.

Rev. Bovankovich said they have a small group of citizens that have an intense interest in the the town. Five of them have been praying for specifics in town. The have been praying for new business with 50 new jobs. They are going to send a request to President Trump in Washington, D.C.

A resident spoke on vehicles speeding on Broad St., Chief Hutton asked him to please call the police when it happens and not wait until Monday night.

Jack Lewis asked about the latest water report, Avery said the one posted is the latest.

A resident asked about sidewalks on Railroad Ave. Avery said they would not be done before required infrastructure work is done. It would be at least 3 or 4 years.

Pat Finley asked about the status of the food truck ordinance? The Council agreed to have a work session on Sept. 6th for further discussion. Avery said the draft ordinance was put together by what was agreed upon at prior work sessions and further suggestions could be done by email. He also said there is a good possibility that he would not be present that evening.

Cederic Turner said the next Downtown Committee meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Pizza Palace. He also spoke on their non-profit taking over 309 S. Main St. it could house a lot of functions.

Another resident spoke about trash being left on the ground at the recycling area.

Franz motion to fund movie night; \$100 for movie and \$435 for license if required. Second E. Murphy, vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Adjourn 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Avery
Town Administrator



Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:

Rev. Charles T. Coffas

