

PATRICK T. ROCKINBERG  
*Mayor*

PETER R. HELT  
*Council President*



*Council Members*  
JASON M. POIRIER  
*Secretary*

ROBERT H. KING, JR  
LARRY G. HUSHOUR  
PATRICIA R. WASHABAUGH

## Minutes of the Mount Airy Town Council Meeting April 1, 2019

**Attendees: Town Officials:** Mayor Patrick Rockinberg, Council President: Peter Helt; Councilmembers: Bob King, Larry Hushour, Patty Washabaugh and Jason Poirier.

**Town Staff:** Barney Quinn – Town Engineer, Tom McCarron - Town Attorney, Debbie Brennan – Town Clerk, Colleen Reilly – Administrative Assistant, John Breeding – Community Planning Administrator, Debra Clinton- Planning Assistant, Holly McCleary – Human Resources, Gina Campanile- Parks Manager.

**OTHERS:** Approximately 52 residents/visitors and 4 reporters.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE –** Councilmember Helt called the meeting, held at Town Hall 110 S. Main Street, to order at 7:30 pm and led everyone in the pledge.

### **2. PRESENTATION –**

- Mayor Rockinberg presented Linganore Football Coach, Richard Conner, with a proclamation. Patty Washabaugh and Heather Hobbs Michael both spoke.
- Mayor Rockinberg presented Rhiannon Mayor with a certificate in appreciation for her fund raising for the Tornado relief.
- The Art Alliance introduced themselves and discussed some of their upcoming events.

### **3. SPEAKERS - None**

**4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES & CLOSED MINUTES –** Councilmember King moved to accept the March Town Council Minutes and the March Closed Minutes. Council member Poirier seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

**5. MOUNT AIRY CHIEF REITZ'S MONTHLY REPORT -** Chief Reitz gave his report.

**6. MOUNT AIRY FIRE COMPANY REPORT -** Bruce Walz gave his report.

### **7. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/CITIZENS COMMENTS –**

- Frank Dertzbaugh spoke to the Mayor and Town Council about raising taxes, commission membership, Harrison Leishear property and Downtown Vision Plan.
- Bill Butts from the Planning commission spoke about the Downtown Vision Plan, a commission exchange meeting and a candidate forum.
- Michael O'Brien discussed the Caboose Project.

### **8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS –**

- **Annexation Resolution #42- Dorseytown – re-introduction only (no discussion).** MOTION: Councilmember Helt re-introduced, Councilmember King second. Vote: All in Favor.
- **Ordinance 2019-2 – Town Council Liaisons on Town Commissions – adoption.** There was some discussion and change in some of the wording of Ordinance 2019-2. MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved to adopt, Councilmember King seconded. Vote; All in Favor.
- **Ordinance 2019-3 – To adopt budget and set the tax rate for the Town of Mount Airy-**

**Introduction.** MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved to introduce, Councilmember Poirier seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

- **Ordinance 2019-4 – to allow consideration of local bidders/ contractors/suppliers in making purchases. Introduce.** MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved to introduce, Councilmember Poirier seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
- **Resolution 2019-3 – MAMSA Glow Run – to allow alcohol in the Rail Yard- May 18, 2019.** MOTION: Councilmember Hushour moved to allow, Councilmember Helt second. Vote: All in Favor.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

## 10. NEW BUSINESS –

- **Recommendation to the Council for storm water pond mowing.– B. Quinn-** MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved to accept the recommendation, Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
- **Recommendation for Cleaning Contract for Town Hall, Police Station and Train Station- B. Quinn-** No Vote needed because of low cost.
- **Recommendation for HVAC maintenance contract for Town Hall, Police Station, Train Station. – B. Quinn –** MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved to accept the recommendation, Councilmember King seconded. Vote : All In Favor
- **Set Budget Workshop Dates-**Date set For April 25, 2019 at 6:00pm.
- **Public Works Agreement – Twin Arch Business Park Lot 12A –**MOTION- Councilmember Helt moved to approve, Councilmember Washabaugh Seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
- **Road Closure for Soap Box Derby Race on Cottonwood Ave April 28, 2019 –** MOTION – Councilmember Helt moved to approve the road closure, Councilmember Poirier seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

## 11. MAYOR AN COUNCIL REPORTS –

- **Mayor’s Report** - Mayor Rockinberg gave his report.
- **Beautification – Recreation and Parks Commission** – Councilmember Hushour gave his report.
- **Economic Development – Planning Commission** - Councilmember King gave his report.
- **Sanitation and Recycling & Mount Airy Sustainable Commission** – Councilmember Poirier gave his report.
- **Streets & Roads Commission** – Patty Washabaugh gave her report.
- **Water & Sewer** - Councilmember Helt gave his report.
- **Town Administrator Report** - See attached
- **Town Attorney Report** - Tom McCarron gave his report.
- **Code Enforcement Officers Report** – See attached.

## 12. POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETINGS – STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE – as allowed by “GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE” A. 3-305(b)(1) “ To discuss the appointment, employment ,assignment, promotion, discipline , demotion, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees... Subject – personnel issues for the budget” B. 3-305(b)(3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. Subj: Rigler property; CSX property; rails to trails and C. (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter – Subj: Prospect Place –

MOTION- Councilmember Helt moved to go into a closed meeting and adjourn immediately following the closed meeting. Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

Prepared by Colleen Reilly

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Jason Poirier, Secretary

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