

Commissioners of Mardela Springs Town Meeting – April 17, 2018

Attendance: Stanford Robinson, Mary Bailey, Mike Murphy, and Angie Drehmer

The meeting is called to order with the pledge to the flag.

Mary motions to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Mike seconds. Passed.

Stanford calls Keith Lackie forward to give an introduction for the Community Development Block Grant Program Public Hearing. Keith summarizes the process the Commissioners have gone through up to this point for the grant for the audience. He also reviews the application with the Commissioners to make sure they approve of how it has been completed. Using the funds from this phase, the Town will be able to replace 5 corner ramps and 950 feet of linear sidewalk, making everything ADA compliant. Fall 2018 is the estimated completion time. For the record, the advertising for the public hearing was in the newspaper on March 29th and April 5th. Stanford opens the floor for the public hearing. Mary asks if federal funding means that federal contractors have to be used for the job. Steve says no, that is just where the funds come from. Steve Bailey asks what the priority areas are. Robert VanMeter and Keith agree that Main and Bridge Streets should be first priority due to highest traffic. There being no further public comment, Stanford closes the Public Hearing. Mike motions to accept the application, Mary seconds. Passed.

Stanford calls Brian Lewis forward to speak in regards to the Playground grants that are available and gives many examples of playgrounds he has helped with. He has already spoken with the Playground Committee and given them catalogs to pick out what is desired and what is best for the town. He recommends the DNR Program Open Space Grant which requires a match or the Community Parks and Playground Grant which does not require a match, but is safer to stay under \$200,000. These are usually approved within six months and only take about two weeks to complete.

The property owner at 205 Main Street requests a building permit to extend the shed they previously applied for.

Mr. Price at 602 Main Street is present to voice his safety concerns in regard to 604 Main Street, which has been abandoned. The overgrowth is blocking his and others view of oncoming traffic. The Commissioners ask Mr. VanMeter to get a crew over there to clean the property up.

Jerry Marshall requests that a noise ordinance be put in place in regards to the off-road vehicles being used on the streets.

There is no update in regards to 405 and 407 Bridge Street as they are still "on the Director's Desk."

Spring Cleanup is posted locally, on the website, and will have a banner soon.

Mr. VanMeter has condemned 214 Bridge Street as an unlawful structure. It is vacant and has no electricity.

Public Comment from Shirley Bailey: The state highway needs to come clear down the tree on corner of Main and 50. Contact Chesapeake Waste that trash cans should not be placed on sidewalks. Notify residents that trash cans should be placed no earlier than Tuesdays and removed by Thursday. Citations should be issued to violators.

An Ordinance Work Session was not scheduled.

There being no further business, Mary made a motion to adjourn, Mike seconded, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kortney Robinson