



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 9 January 2017

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Present were Councilmembers Chantry, McClintock, Schulp, Wegner and Welch. Also present were Town Manager Swearingen, several Town residents and Barbara Jackson from the Bugle.

Approval of Agenda: Councilmember Wegner requested the addition of an action item for discussion and possible action on the use of rock salt for clearing ice from Town streets. The agenda was approved as amended.

Presentations by Residents: Residents commented on the right of way survey being conducted in town and the effectiveness of new stop signs at intersections along Oxford Street.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved without objection.

Action: Adoption of the Proposed FY 2017 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. Town Manager Swearingen presented the proposed mid-year budget amendment which had been introduced at the December 12, 2016 Council meeting. Several clarification questions were asked and answered. Councilmember Wegner moved approval of Ordinance 2017-1, the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and was adopted unanimously. The approved Budget Adjustment Ordinance is attached to these minutes.

Use of rock salt on Town streets. Councilmember Wegner led a discussion on the environmental damage caused by the use of salt products on town streets to remove snow and ice. The Council members agreed that use of salt products should be limited and requested that the Town Manager use his judgement in the use of snow melt products on Town streets using the guidelines included in the "Salt use on Town streets" document prepared by Councilmember Wegner. That document is attached to these minutes.

Town Manager's Report: The Town Manager provided a budget report which included the Town's financial position through December of FY 2017. The Town Manager also provided the status on the stop signs and speed limit signs which were installed during the holiday as requested by the Council at the November meeting. Councilmember Chantry asked for the status of the new Town Website. Mayor Benjamin noted that the site is in a "soft" launch status now and is open for use. Councilmember Chantry suggested that a training session for Town residents on the use of the website be considered. The Council agreed with the suggestion; Mayor Benjamin requested that the Town staff develop the training.

The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer