

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Eve Arber, Councilmember
Steve Matney, Councilmember
Dan Macy, Councilmember
Cathie Polak, Clerk

VISITORS: David Chitwood, Echo Reporter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2008-14 to approve as amended the May 11, 2009, Town Council meeting minutes:

- Change page 4, paragraph 8, line 1: Union Arch Bridge Traffic: ~~Councilmember Matney~~ Mayor Beers

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion 2008-15 to approve as amended (typo) the May 20, 2009, Town Council meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

STREET REPAIR PROJECT

Mayor Beers opened the street repair contract discussion by telling Council that she is inclined to accept the lowest bid, submitted by from Ross Contracting.

Further comments and discussion points on the bids:

- Ross has had more experience at paving.
- Pleasants appears to be new to paving.
- The lowest bid (Ross) cost difference is expected to cover an on-site inspection engineer, as well as change orders.
- Councilmember Long expressed concern about comments by Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (MCDPWT) that Ross is better at “Horizontal” paving; with no explanation of the term, noting that the Town’s sloping topography results in paving areas that are not horizontal.
- Councilmember Long is still concerned about possible damage to trees growing near roads and sidewalks. She presented a map indicating where the trees are located.
- Mayor Beers noted that the streets will not be milled below their current level.
- Councilmember Matney noted that the number references are unequal.
- Councilmember Long noted Ross has a professional engineer on staff.
- Mayor Beers saw no reference to MacArthur Boulevard weight restrictions.
- Project management concerns were discussed; council will rely heavily on AMT to coordinate closely with the office and residents on road and sidewalk closures.

Additions to bid package:

Councilmember Macy relayed a request from Richard Leggin, 6112 Oberlin Avenue, to remove the speed bump on Oberlin Avenue and repair the storm drain. Mayor Beers said that is not part of the scope of the work; the request can be addressed when “we are further into project.”

The town hall parking lot will need to be included in the bid package.

Motion 2009-16 to accept the bid from Ross Contracting for \$349,944.

Motion passed unanimously.

ARBORIST

Several trees have been identified that may be adversely affected by the sidewalk and street project. C/T Polak will meet with a recommended Arborist. Council wants to know:

- Are trees in question alive?
- How will the trees be affected if roots are trimmed?

Councilmember Long said there is an additional tree to review on upper Yale Avenue.

PICNIC

Mayor Beers noted that Carlotta Anderson does not want to be recognized for her dedication as the Echo editor at the annual town picnic. Council will adopt a Resolution at the next Council meeting.

TOWN HALL USE

Town Hall use calendar is attached.

Councilmember Long reported the Family Dance group, a part of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW), has asked to use the Town Hall again for six Sundays, November through April, in a continuing use. (In warm months, they use the Bumper Car Pavilion in GEP). No objection was raised to this use.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML)

The meeting will be held at the Ocean City MML convention. A Town representative will not be able to attend.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Request for Montgomery County Police Presence: Several residents have experienced recent thefts from their vehicles and yards. Resident Willem Polak requested that the Mayor write a letter to the Montgomery County Police requesting a greater presence in Town, citing the increase in thefts. Mayor Beers will write to the County Police Department.

2. C&O Canal traffic study: Councilmember Long reported that the C & O Canal National Historical Park (NPS) will hold a traffic study workshop to discuss greater access to the Canal, i.e., other modes of transportation, and dispersion of visitors in the

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Park. Councilmember Long is attending the workshop as an independent; she is not representing the Town or other entity. The \$500,000 study is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. Councilmember Long is concerned that it will not focus on the Park and its interests but rather on roadway construction and additional parking lots.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.