

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014

Commissioner Blaine R. Young, *President*, called to order a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) of Frederick County, Maryland, for Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Winchester Hall. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; David Gray, Billy Shreve (please note arrival time) and Kirby Delauter. Also in attendance were Ms. Lori Depies, Office of the County Manager and Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSESSION

Public Comment/Input/Feedback on the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Division Director’s Job Description – Commissioner Blaine Young

Commissioner Young noted the Board had recently nominated and recommended Mr. Clarence (Chip) Jewell to be the Director of the newly created Division of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services (DVFRS). At a special meeting of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Mr. Jewell was confirmed unanimously as the Director/Volunteer Chief of the DVFRS.

There were no public comments.

No action was taken as item was informational.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposal to Close a Portion of West Boss Arnold Road – Dave Olney, Public Works Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on a proposal to close a portion of West Boss Arnold Road.

Mr. Chuck Nipe, Director, Public Works Division, briefed the Board on a petition that had been received from Mr. Charlie Woods to close a portion of West Boss Arnold Road which lies on his property. Mr. Nipe noted the Frederick County Roads Board discussed this request at its June meeting and did not forward any recommendation due to several issues regarding the Rural Roads Program.

Mr. Richard McCain, Office of the County Attorney, commented on the right-of-way issue.

Staff recommended the petitioner’s request be granted.

Public comment was heard from:

- Steve Haller, Roads Board

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- Paul Fitzgerald, Roads Board
- Charlie Woods and Karen Kwilosz

(Commissioner Shreve arrived to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

Motion to grant the petitioner’s request to close approximately .35 miles of county right-of-way on West Boss Arnold Road; abandon the associated county right-of-way; obtain an easement for emergency access, install a lockable gate at the point of closure with a “knox box” to allow for emergency access; and direct staff to prepare an ordinance stating such – Passed 4-0-1.

COMMISSIONERS	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Young			X			
Smith	X		X			
Shreve					X	
Gray			X			
Delauter		X	X			

(A copy of the approved/adopted ordinance can be obtained in the County Manager’s Office or from the county’s website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov.)

Proposal to Remove Tower Road from the Rural Roads Program – Dave Olney, Public Works Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on a proposal to remove all of Tower Road from the Rural Roads Program.

Mr. Olney briefed the Board on a petition that was received from Mr. Steve Haller requesting the removal of the entire length (5.5 miles) of Tower Road (from Gambrill Park Road to MD 77) from the Rural Roads Program.

Mr. Olney noted the Frederick County Roads Board voted in favor of sending the petition to the Board for consideration.

Public comment was heard from:

- Steve Haller
- Jane Haller
- Mary Cannetti
- Diane and John Dandois
- Phil Olsen
- Virginia Edmonston
- Walter Bieleski
- Andrew Fruitigur
- Cherry Graziosi
- Jeff Slusher
- Robin Slusher
- David Hunter

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- Ann Fox
- Jason Hockensmith
- Jennifer Stanley
- Tom Stanley
- Paul Fitzgerald
- John Trobaugh
- Maxine Medagha
- Heidi Pinckney
- Greg Pinckney
- Janet Speicher
- Susan Hanson
- Bert Edmonston
- Rosalee Miller (e-mail)

Mr. Bill Routzahn, Public Works Division, commented on the possible upgrade of the road.

Staff recommended the petitioner’s be granted.

Motion to approve the petitioner’s request to remove the gravel segment of Tower Road from the Rural Roads Program; direct staff to create a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) project to bring the gravel segment of the road to county standards; and also to direct staff to prepare a resolution stating such – Passed 4-1.

COMMISSIONERS	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Young			X			
Smith		X	X			
Shreve	X		X			
Gray				X		
Delauter			X			

(A copy of the approved/adopted resolution can be obtained in the County Manager’s Office or from the county’s website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

- Cherry Graziosi

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Patti Morrow
Recording Secretary