

COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2026
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following council members present were Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee and Mr. Zolman. Staff members present were Town Manager Jim Roark and Interim Chief of Police Jim Monahan.

Guests present were Meghan Streeting

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of March 10th, 2026**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were given.

In his report, Mr. Roark welcomed the new Financial Administrator, Dana Mangus, who replaced Cheryl Rhine following her retirement on April 2, 2026.

In his report, Mayor Nevin announced that former Police Chief Dave Snyder had departed and that an Interim Police Chief would serve while the Town conducts its search for a permanent replacement. He introduced Jim Monahan, who was in attendance, and noted his prior service with the Baltimore County Police Department and extensive law enforcement experience. Mayor Nevin stated that the Town was fortunate to have Mr. Monahan serving in this interim capacity while the recruitment process for a permanent Police Chief is underway.

Mayor Nevin requested **Council Confirmation of Jim Monahan as Interim Chief of Police**.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to confirm Jim Monahan as Interim Chief of Police**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin introduced discussion regarding **approval of a Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Revision for the Streetscape Project**. He explained that the project required a transfer of \$7,000 from the Streetscape Capital account to the Streetscape operating account, as the expense is below the \$10,000 threshold and therefore considered an operating expense rather than a capital expense.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the transfer of \$7,000 from Streetscape Capital to Streetscape**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion.

Mayor Nevin noted that, as a budget amendment, the motion required a roll-call vote. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Nevin **introduced Resolution 2026-01**, a resolution supporting the formation of a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources. He explained that the initiative is supported by the Maryland Municipal League and is intended to evaluate long-standing municipal revenue structures, particularly considering their reliance on property taxes and limited revenue-sharing mechanisms.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-01**. Ms. Barrett, seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meghan Streeting, a Hampstead resident, addressed the Council regarding a proposed 16% water increase and concerns about water quality. It was clarified that the rate increase pertains to Carroll County sewer service and is not a water increase imposed by the Town.

Ms. Streeting also expressed concerns about rust in her water. Town officials explained that Hampstead operates its own water system, which is tested quarterly and meets all EPA regulatory standards. They noted that rust may be attributable to internal plumbing and offered to follow up with Public Works regarding her concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Painter made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

TOWN MANAGER, James Roark

MAYOR, Christopher M. Nevin