

## COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2024

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, November 12, 2024. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee, and Mr. Zolman. Staff members present were: Town Manager Jim Roark, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Hann, Chief of Police Dave Snyder, and Human Resources Coordinator Judy Rang.

Guests present were: Stacy Hann, Marlene Duff, Dawn Crockett, Zondra Resh, Jim Resh, Kevin Resh, Alyssa Resh, Drew Resh, Landon Resh, Eric Resh, David Padilla, and Doug Harrell.

### MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of October 8, 2024**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

### REPORTS:

All reports were made.

In his report, Mayor Chris Nevin noted that November is Maryland Municipal Government Works Month. As such, Mayor Nevin made a **Proclamation that November shall be Municipal Government Works Month**.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the **Recognition of Resh Family Dentistry**. Mayor Nevin noted that the Resh Family has provided medical and dental care in the Town of Hampstead for over one hundred years and over five generations of the Resh Family. The Mayor read a Proclamation and declared that November 12, 2024, shall be known as Resh Family Dentistry Day.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Discussion and Approval of the Installation of a “No Parking” Sign on Hillock Lane**. He stated that a briefing paper was provided with a photo.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Installation of a “No Parking” Sign on Hillock Lane**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Town Manager Jim Roark stated that the next agenda item, the **Award of Contract for Water Main Construction Inspection Services – RFP No. TOH-WMCIS-FY25-01**, would be moved to December’s Council Meeting because the information was not included in the Council’s meeting documents.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Adoption of Ordinance 554 – an Ordinance Concerning a General Obligation Bond for the Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Mayor Nevin explained the Town is going to borrow up to three million dollars for the front-end engineering and consulting costs for the Town’s PFAS project. After this the project will move on to the construction phase, which is mostly funded through the Federal Government and the Maryland Department of the Environment. He further explained that it will be a twenty-year bond with a fifty-year amortization period with a rate of 4.82% for all twenty years.

Mr. Zolman made a **motion to adopt Ordinance 554 – an Ordinance Concerning a General Obligation Bond for the Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Resolution 2024-05 – a Resolution Concerning a General Obligation Bond for Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Mayor Nevin explained the Resolution was necessary as part of the bond offering and it goes into all of the terms of the bond.

Mr. Zolman made a **motion to introduce Resolution 2024-05 – a Resolution Concerning a General Obligation Bond for Water System Centralization and Modernization Project**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Ordinance 555 – an Ordinance for the Purpose of Updating Procedures for Voter Registration and Candidate Participation in Municipal Elections**. Mayor Nevin stated that the last time the Ordinance had been updated was in 1993. He explained that write-in candidates could be recorded, but not eligible to be elected because candidates should register and declare their intent to run for office as well as stating their positions. Mr. Roark further explained that voter registration used to be all by U.S. Mail, but now opportunities exist to register online.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to introduce Ordinance 555 – an Ordinance for the Purpose of Updating Procedures for Voter Registration and Candidate Participation in Municipal Elections**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution 2024-06 – a Resolution for the Purpose of Updating Article V - Registration, Nominations and Elections, and Article XIII – General Provisions**. Mayor Nevin explained that the Charter also would need to be amended to go along with Ordinance 555.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to introduce Charter Amendment Resolution 2024-06 – a Resolution for the Purpose of Updating Article V - Registration, Nominations and Elections, and Article XIII – General Provisions**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Doug Harrell addressed the Council and asked if it was true that Hahn’s Meats would not be coming to Hampstead and Mayor Nevin replied that it was unfortunately true. Mr. Harrell also

inquired on the status of the Weis Gas N Go project. Mrs. Painter stated that was waiting for some approvals from the County and it looked like it would be occurring in the summer of 2025.

Mayor Nevin also inquired if there was any update about Tractor Supply. Mr. Roark stated that it was also awaiting Stormwater Management approval from the County.

Ms. Barrett added that for anyone following the MPRP power line issue, PSEG would be holding an information session at the Carroll County Ag Center Shipley Arena on November 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Mayor Nevin stated that intended route will not enter Hampstead, and that the reason it was selected was that it would impact 100 less homes than any other route proposed. Mr. Roark added that there was a large amount of public comments received from the Hampstead community.

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

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**ATTEST**

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**MAYOR**