

Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2024

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL AND IN-PERSON

The audio recording for this meeting is available on the [Village website](#).

Council Members Present: Andrew Kauders; Jeff Blander; Susan Fattig; Arthur Alexander; Katie Howard

Other Attendees Include: Village Manager: Michael Silliman; Village Attorney: Ron Bolt; and residents Marty Langelan, Steve Howard, John Sharrow, David Saulter, Lynn Welle, and Keith Allen.

7:30 PM Call to Order: Alexander

7:30 PM Weather Report: Keith Allen

Keith Allen reported very nice weather, but wind and rain are coming. Above average temperatures and rain fall.

7:33 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments:

Marty Langelan asked if there will be a Spring street cleaning this year. The Village Manager reported that he is asking the Council for approval of this tonight.

Jeff Blander asked for some time on the Council meeting agenda in the April meeting to discuss the ordinance introduction process.

Approve February 15 Council Meeting Minutes

Susan moved to approve the minutes. Andrew seconded. This was unanimous.

7:34 PM Committee Reports

Community Engagement Committee reported positive feedback from the Community Brunch. They are looking ahead to the Celebration on the Sidewalk on May 7th.

Election Committee reported the filing deadline for candidates is this weekend. The information packets will be ready for printing and mailing next week. Meanwhile the committee is finalizing the voter roll with the help of a contactor. The written report is in the meeting packet.

7:54 PM Discussion and Possible Introduction of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget Ordinance and Tax Rates Resolution

Jeff Blander presented the budget proposal.

Arthur moved to introduce budget ordinance number 2024-1. Andrew seconded. This was introduced unanimously.

Arthur moved to introduce tax rate resolution number 2024-2. Katie seconded. This was introduced numerously.

8:32 PM Treasurer's Report: Blander

Jeff provided his report. A written report is provided in the meeting packet.

8:34 Manager's Report: Silliman

Michael provided his manager's report. The written report is available in the meeting packet.

Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments:

Katie Howard asked if anyone knows what the Maryland Parks and Planning Department is doing at the Chevy Chase Local Park. Are they making improvements?

Andrew Kauders thanked Michael for saving money for the Village.

Lynn Welle complained about repeated parking violations and asked residents to remind their landscape companies and contractors to obey the posted parking rules. Also, please do not block the sidewalk.

Marty Langelan thanked the Council for the composting program. She also liked the idea of hiring an engineer to provide recommendations on making the Brookville Market parking lot exit safer. Marty asked for a public comment board on the website in addition to a new mass emailing system. Marty also asked for an additional \$3,000 for the annual elections budget. Marty asked if there would be a public forum for the budget. The budget public hearing will be held at the May 9th Council meeting.

9:00 PM Chevy Chase Fire Board Appointment

Arthur moved and Susan seconded to appoint Drew Makar to the Chevy Chase fire board. This was unanimous.

9:01 PM Adjournment

Arthur moved and Susan seconded. Adjournment was unanimous.