

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
 Nancy Long, Councilmember
 Steve Matney, Councilmember
 Mark McCaffrey, Councilmember
 Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember
 Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS: Debbie Sacks, reporter for The Echo
 Aaron Hirsch, resident
 Phyllis Fordham, resident
 Gloria Levin
 Emily Parsons, resident
 Mary Parsons, resident

Debbie Beers called the meeting to order at 8: 02 p.m.

GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT

Aaron LaRocca was on paternity leave following the birth of his daughter. He and did not report. Councilmember Long indicated the Town of Glen Echo has been asked to serve as a consulting partner to the National Park Service regarding the proposed mechanical systems rehabilitation of the Clara Barton House.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January 2015 minutes was deferred pending Councilmember review.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz reported the next Police Advisory Board meeting will be held in March.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long reported the February 5, 2015 public meeting of the C&O National Historical Park was moved from Glen Echo Town Hall to a larger venue. A large crowd was expected due to the topic of proposed increase of fees. The St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled March 14, 2015.

SNOW REMOVAL

Mayor Beers reported an addendum was made to the Rasevic snow removal contract. The purpose was to underscore "we don't want Rasevic servicing the Town streets unless there is 2 or more inches of snow on the ground or unless we contact them, whatever comes first." The addendum was added in effort to keep costs down. The Town will contest the on demand fees on Rasevic invoices. Discussion ensued regarding the quantity of sand that has been applied to the streets. Specific concerns were raised about the mess and the sand possibly going into the sewers. It was determined that the Town will stay with Rasevic throughout this snow season but will rebid the contact for next year.

BIKE SHARE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE C&O CANAL

Aaron Hirsch revisited the idea of adding a Bike Share location in Glen Echo. Mayor Beers passed along information she had gathered that Glen Echo is too far away from the other stations for it to be feasible at this time. She also indicated the cost to the Town would be in the thousands.

Aaron Hirsch also suggested it would be an interesting time to revisit a pedestrian access from Town to the C&O Canal. He noted the C&O Canal is such an amazing resource it would benefit many residents if we could access the canal more readily. Councilmember Long indicated the National Park Service explored this issue in the 1960's/early 1970's. It was deemed not feasible due to expense and parking issues.

TOWN SIGNAGE

Phyllis Fordham voiced her opinion that she does not support the proliferation of parking signs in Town and believes it detracts from the aesthetic values of the neighborhood.

ADVENTURE THEATRE

Motion 2015-36 Councilmember Long made a motion that the Town of Glen Echo donate \$1,000 to Adventure Theatre. Councilmember Stiglitz recused himself since his daughter is taking a class at Adventure Theatre. A voted was taken. Councilmember Matney voted against. Councilmember McCaffrey and Councilmember Long voted in favor. Councilmember McCaffrey seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren

Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor

Date