

August 11, 2025 Town Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Michael Robinson	Danielle Roberts	Shelby Beaver
Jad Drake	Kathy Ahalt	Jill Rothen
Matt Morris	Paul Gilligan	Sam Brown
Alex Byrd	Debby Burgoyne	Joyce Brown

The board meeting began with the approval of the July Treasurer's Report and minor corrections to the minutes. Public comments included suggestions for traffic calming measures and concerns about a potential expansion of light industrial boundaries. The board discussed a new MOU with Brunswick, debating the automatic renewal clause and budget allocation for road repairs. They approved repairs for East and West Main Streets, with a budget of \$154,773, and considered painting crosswalks and installing speed humps. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Transcript

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Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- Mayor Robinson begins the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Minutes are reviewed. Councilman Morris addresses a minor correction to Amanda Grev's last name.
- Councilman Morris motions to accept the minutes with the correction, and the motion is seconded and approved.
- Mayor Robinson presents the Treasurer's Report, noting the reimbursement details and differences in conference expenses.
- Councilman Morris motions to approve the July Treasurer's Report, and the motion is seconded and approved.

Public Comment and Traffic Concerns

- Shelby Beaver expresses concerns about parking on a specific square and suggests painting red lines to prevent it.
- Paul Gilligan discusses a potential expansion of light industrial boundaries in a rural legacy area and the council's stance on maintaining current boundaries. Councilman Byrd inquires about the permanence of the resolution, and Mr Gilligan clarifies that it has not been presented yet.

Planning and Zoning Update

- Mayor Robinson discusses the MOU from Brunswick, which was passed by their council and is now up for approval.
- Councilmen Morris and Byrd debate the automatic renewal clause of the MOU, suggesting a trial period of two to three years.
- Mayor Robinson reassures that the MOU can be terminated with 30 days' notice and that the annual base fee includes quarterly billing.
- Councilman Byrd expresses concern about the automatic renewal and suggests amending the MOU to limit it to a year-to-year basis.

Road Repair and Traffic Calming Proposals

- Mayor Robinson provides updates on road repair estimates, including speed humps and crosswalk painting, mentioning the need to re-measure Weiner Drive for accurate estimates.
- Councilmen Drake and Byrd discuss the budget for road repairs and traffic calming, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing projects.
- Mayor Robinson suggests bundling projects to maximize efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- Mayor Robinson and Councilman Drake discuss the impact of tree roots on road maintenance, particularly near a black walnut tree.
- Councilman Byrd suggests raising the road section to avoid cutting the tree but acknowledges the potential long-term issues.
- Councilman Byrd proposes consulting an arborist for expert advice on tree management.
- Council votes to approve East and West Main Street repairs, with further discussions on other projects pending.

Brunswick Festival, Halloween Trick-or-Treating

- Mayor Robinson mentions the upcoming Brunswick Festival and the tradition of donating \$300 to the cake auction.
- Councilman Drake motions to approve the \$300 donation, and the motion is seconded and approved.
- Mayor Robinson informs the group about a free banner for Frederick County's 250th anniversary, which will be installed in town.
- Council discusses setting the Halloween trick-or-treating date for Friday, October 31st, and the group agrees to confirm it next month.

Meeting Adjournment

- Mayor Robinson notes the need to reschedule the October meeting due to a conflict with the Maryland Municipal League conference.
- Councilman Drake motions to adjourn the meeting, and the motion is seconded and approved.

The meeting concludes at 8:24 PM.