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Town of Friendsville
Public Hearing
Ordinance O-2024-02
May 6, 2024

Attendance:

Pamela Humberson, President, Michael Artice, James Hook, Edward Kelley, Sheryl MacLane, Robert Sines, Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, and Wanda Guard, Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer.

Public: No attendees

Call to Order: Council President Humberson, opened the Town of Friendsville Public Hearing for Ordinance O-2024-02 Charter Amendment Uninhabitable Building Ordinance Amendment on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

President Pam Humberson read the Ordinance O-2024-02 Charter Amendment – Uninhabitable Building Ordinance Amendment to the group.

Mayor Schlosnagle explained that the ordinance stemmed from a specific incident involving the property at 125 Walnut Street. Attorney Mike Llewellyn advised the Town to amend the existing ordinance after a message was received on the morning of Thursday, April 4, 2024. The suggested change was to modify Section 5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code. This section grants municipalities the authority to safeguard individuals and property from hazards. Previously, the District Court of Maryland had authorized the Town to address refuse on the mentioned property. However, due to the current state of emergency, characterized by a collapsed house, Llewellyn recommended that the Town take immediate action to mitigate the emergency by removing the structure. Mayor Schlosnagle emphasized that this incident prompted the need for the ordinance to be enacted.

Adjournment:

Motion #1 (Council member Artice/Council member Kelley): Approval to adjourn the meeting of the open public hearing meeting for the Ordinance O-2024-02 Charter Amendment – Uninhabitable Building Ordinance Amendment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda M. Guard,
Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

5/20/2024