

# Appalachian Chapter, MSS

The Main Cup restaurant, 14 West Main Street, Middletown,  
Frederick County, MD; ph. 301-371-4433

◆ **Chairman Wayne Aubertin** was there to greet the attendees at 5:50 p.m. He officially called the meeting to order in the Front Meeting Room of The Main Cup restaurant at 6:04 p.m.

◆ **15 Surveyors and 1 Guest Speaker** attended:

1. Guest Speaker Bruce Dell, City of Brunswick Planning and Zoning Administrator
2. Chairman Wayne Aubertin
3. Ricky Buonopane
4. Aaron Worley
5. George Nagel
6. Robert Banzhoff, Jr., past Chapter Chairman, past-MSS President
7. Rob Kundrick, MSS President, past Chapter Chairman
8. Phillip Wagner
9. Barry Hoyle, past Chapter Chairman, past-MSS President
10. Joe Hemphill
11. TJ Frazier, past Chapter Chairman, past-MSS President
12. Javier Morales
13. Chris Klein, City Surveyor, The City of Frederick
14. Robert Walker
15. Randy Rolls, Esq.
16. Wayne Twigg, Rec. Secretary

◆ **The agenda** for tonight's meeting, as previously distributed, was approved by a motion from Bob Banzhoff.

◆ **The November Chapter Minutes**, which had already been distributed by e-mail, were approved without comments.

◆ **Announcements:** (1) **MSS Fall Conference** at Ocean City Oct. 16-19, 2024; (2) **MSS PAC [Political Action Committee]** meeting to honor Jim Demma, Esq. at Dutch's Daughter restaurant, February 20<sup>th</sup>; (3) **National Surveyors' Week**, March 2024; (4) **MSS Spring Technical Conference** is scheduled for Friday March 1, 2024 at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD; (5) **Right to Reasonable Access Bill** approval process has to start all over again in the Maryland Legislature; (6) **MSS General Membership** meeting, Frederick County, May 17<sup>th</sup>

◆ **Chapter Treasury:** balance is \$420.

◆ **Mr. Chris Klein is the new City Surveyor** for The City of Frederick. He

introduced himself and shared some of his recent experiences.

◆ **Mr. Bruce Dell, Planning and Zoning Administrator for the City of Brunswick, MD** can be reached at his office at 811 West Potomac Street. His telephone number is 301-734-8500; his e-mail address [planner@brunswickmd.gov](mailto:planner@brunswickmd.gov).

The City of Brunswick will double in size, as planned developments are put in place in the near future. Many more jobs will be created. The City is committed to promoting the Potomac River and the C&O Canal Park as tourist attractions.

From the economic and development aspect, there are 16 properties that this administration is looking to renovate and make available for occupancy. Some of these properties are very old.

P&Z is also working to solve the issues created by and needed by underground facilities, such as Verizon lines and fiber optics cables. Utility pole replacements are \$70k each.

A spring water source is located in Washington County, from which the City obtains a large amount of daily water needs. The water line serving from it is very old, and must be refurbished soon. There are places where property lines are unknown and ill-defined. The historic waterline runs through the Town of Knoxville, crosses under the railroad tracks and parallels the public road in places. Many properties are tapped into the old water line.

Brunswick's current administration is looking at the possibility of using electric vehicles as shuttles for tourists and business people to travel from exterior parking lots to downtown, where there are many shortages of individual parking spaces. Several EVs can be parked in one parking space.

The new FIRM maps by FEMA are showing revised flood boundaries, which have created some new problems. Some structures that are shown as being in the official floodplain have never flooded in the City's history. The finish floor of several structures must be raised at least 2' above base flood elevation.

Bruce and the City partners with the planners of Frederick County, under the mandates of the State of Maryland. The

City has begun to replace sidewalks, during which construction, problems of water lines and storm water lines are being corrected.

Inevitably, the City experiences its share of those citizens and developers who complain about conditions and regulations. Sometimes their comments are constructive and helpful.

Bruce collaborates with the City's Public Works Department in the upgrading plans for the water treatment plant. A capacity goal is 2.5 mgd.

Mr. Dell's early professional experience included working with many local area engineering and surveying consulting firms.

There was a short break, during which dinners were served. Afterwards, Mr. Dell shared some more interesting facts and comments about the City's present issues and its history.

Mr. Dell's competent and personable presentation was very interesting, well received and appreciated. Surveyors were asking him questions and sharing stories with him even after the meeting adjourned.

◆ **Dinner:** individual dinner orders were taken from the restaurant's menu. The food and drinks were very good.

◆ **The meeting adjourned** at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. Wayne Twigg, Recording Secretary



*NOTE: one CPC/PDH is awarded to each attendee for presentation of the City of Brunswick Planning & Zoning*