

Town Council
December 9, 2013 Minutes

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Bert Wells, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Elaine Shepard, Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miner to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2013 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 11112013

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion seconded by Bert Wells to approve the Ordinance 11112013 an ordinance prohibiting any individual who owns, controls or is in possession of a dog, from allowing such dog to run-at-large, and to require any individual who owns, controls, or is in possession of a dog or a horse to immediately remove and dispose of properly any feces from public property or private property, absent the permission of the property owner. All in favor, motion carried.

Canal Trail Resolution for Operations & Maintenance

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the Canal Trail Resolution for Operations and Maintenance. All in favor, motion carried

Resolution 12.09.2013 a Resolution of the Town of Chesapeake City for the purpose of recognizing and supporting the Mayors' Drug Task Force.

MOTION: FV made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Elaine Shepard. All in favor, motion passes.

Amendment to Miller Environmental Inc Contract

MIKE CEO of Miller: added two new pumping stations will check them once a week for proper operations only, will report and assist in the repairs. Watching for I&I with pump two

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the amendment to the Miller contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Canal Trail Improvements Priorities: Items were discussed and subject to be re-evaluated over time.

1. Overlook(s)
2. Stone archway entrances and benches
3. Paving 10' wide shared use trail along Lewis Street from Canal Trail to Biddle Street with installation of bollards on each end to prohibit vehicular traffic.
4. Landscaping pockets
5. Improvements at Helen Titter Park
6. Fencing

Salt Spreader for the Town Truck

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to purchase the Salt Dogg spreader for \$2,650. All in favor, motion carried.

Harry Sampson: Artesian and Miller gave their monthly reports. One complaint from noise at the ice rink.

Elaine Shepard: The docks shut down for ^{Winter} summer, Historic will meet in January and will be working on the booklet for residents. Ethics is in order; need information for the newsletter by Christmas.

Bill Miners: Financial – audit is still in progress for last fiscal year. Hope to be completed by the end of the year.

Frank Vari: Cpl Leas gave his report. It was reported Friday night, Second Street was closed. Leas to check on it for Frank. Gave update on parking tickets, no meeting for PZ, planted tulip bulbs at entrances. No parks/rec meeting this month. MML dinner is December 19th. Salvage metals - \$107 received. This Saturday will be north side recycling. New Years Day race is coming along but still in need of volunteers. Have received Army Corps approval for Conquer the Bridge II in October. Mayor will be signing the event form and then the application will be forwarded to the Maryland State Police for their signatures. Still accepting donations for Toys for Tots collection and non-perishable food item for CCEA. Looking for police funds from state? Sandra to check on the deadline for getting funds

Bert Wells – our first snow – LECCO plowed in coordination with David to spreading salt/sand mix. at intersections and several locations around town. Overall it seemed to be a good job. Could not do much on Bohemia because of the vehicles. Council needs to declare a snow emergency route for George Street one way and Bohemia. Meeting with church regarding for potential parking meeting was moved to this Friday. Bert to call regarding Closed Session. Trees on north side looks well. Electrical at flagpole & Freedom tree – thinks problem is with the electrical underground. Trees on Biddle to be cut on Wednesday (17) depends on weather. Once sidewalks are in will do mitigation. Sidewalk work could potential start week after next, depending on the weather. Town Hall 10: Opened until end of December. They voted next year to stop in November. Tourism will meet in January.

Old Business:

Winterfest update: Tremendous feedback. Ice rink has been very successful with lots of positive comments. Dec 8th article – did not see in Journal. New set up of lights has been positive. Requests for crab decoration prices. Santa being in Franklin Hall has had positive, seems it's easier to get meet him. 28 Children filled out lists for Santa's. Candle light Tour on Saturday.

Bank Street Referendum

Names were turned in, three parties on the validity of the names. Election Board determined the eligibility of being able to vote. Concern with same signature for members of the family –should not be considered. Town Attorney gave opinion on "signatures" regarding printing vs cursive. Will move to workshop for further discussion. Petitions will go back to the Election Board along with Attorneys opinion for guidance. Council felt that the Election Board gave their opinion and did do what they were instructed to do.

Elaine Shepard did not feel that the printed names were valid; Frank Vari – believes the intent is there and feels it should be done over. Bert Wells questioned some of those that printed instead of signed, feels that it's a technically, and to give the petitioners 10 days to get signatures. (no authorization in Charter to do that.) Bill Miners – agreement with Elaine, not valid.
Harry Sampson believes the petition is in wrong form and invalid by our ordinance.
Tom legal opinion – printed names should not count, therefore there are not enough names.

Public Comment:

The Mayor invited all the residents to the Holiday Open House from 4pm – 7pm.

Adjournment

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to adjourn at 8:22pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos
Mayor