

Town Council Meeting
December 21, 2015

Present: Tom Morris, Bill Miners, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari

NOTE: Trudy Carter was sworn in during the meeting to fulfill the vacancy of Rick Post.

Staff: Carla Miners-Tourism/Economic Development, Rob Bernstein Project Manager, Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer, Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

Absent: Harry Sampson, Sandra Edwards Town Manager

Minutes

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items

Town Council Vacancy

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to fill open seat on Council with candidate Trudy Carter. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Attorney swore in Trudy Carter and she took her place on the dais.

Budget Amendments

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the Budget Amendments as presented and previously discussed. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: T Carter

Winter Maintenance:

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve LECCO for our winter maintenance for the period of one year. All in favor, motion carried

Board of Appeals

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to appoint Marty Salmon, Alan Myers and Findlay McCool for a three year term for the Board of Appeals; their terms expire on December 20, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

NOTE: This still leaves one open spot on the five member board, plus one alternate.

Ghost Walk

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept the Event Application from the Civic Association for Ghost Walk 2016 to be on October 21st and 22nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Assignments

Harry Sampson – absent this evening, Project manager – moving along with new water tower – the Chesapeake City Fire Company is on line, working with the post office now. There has been some interest with Bridge Point with the pending auction coming up; conversations with the Dollar General.

Bill Miners- nothing for finance; moved northside dock and it has been secured for the winter- have a float to replace but will do in the spring. Lances crew finished painting the promenade. Ramp to the bulkhead dock was secured.

Frank Vari – updated Council on Planning & Zoning last meeting and the Cecil-Harford MML current meeting with the Legislative priorities for 2016. Will meet with JBG to find a true cost to recycling for the Town (January workshop item). Discuss costs vs this year and next year – meeting with Dave Brookens, Frank Vari, Bill Miners, Valerie Walls. The organization Wheels for Wishes accepts donated vehicles, and they do not have to be working at the time. New years day run next week, expecting over 100 runners. Some discussion regarding a Code Enforcer – both Charlestown & Port Deposit have hired Rebecca Mann. Councilman Miners feels the Town needs one also.

Tom Morris: Sgt Leas – Gave Police report for November and is in the minutes book.

Old Business:

Tourism/Economic Development: The Mayor commented there were hundreds of people in the streets last weekend. Over 500 people attend the Candlelight Tour coming from PA, NJ, DE; no rooms available the last few weekends in Town and the Victorian Teas have been sold out. Rink is doing well because the weather has been nice. New hours published in paper. Shakespeare in the Park is scheduled for Sept 16th in Pell Gardens, also talking to deep Roots for a cycling event on Sept 24th – charity event. Trying to open museum in April if the restaurants are willing to staff the museum. Nice feature on trail in the 360. CCEA gave away 150 candy canes & coloring books in three weeks Santa visited Franklin Hall.

KCI Extra work authorization for Bohemia Trail

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to authorize up to \$101,413, for KCI for work on the Bohemia Trail. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: T Carter

Historic Commission

Commissioner Frank Vari and Bill Miners will interview additional people for the Historic Commission. If need, Trudy would be a back-up for the interviews. Hope to have them done by the meeting on the 11th.

Continuing under Old Business, Councilman Miners had questions regarding the Dollar General, one regarding the Formula Business Ordinance, the Town approving the signs, etc. Council would like an update from Chair Lee Adams at the next meeting.

New Business:

Councilman Miners shared information about photographer Dave Scarborough tragically losing his daughter this past weekend. Dave has done a several shots of Chesapeake City. There is a fund started to help the family with funeral expenses.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari that the Town make a donation toward the final expenses of \$300.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduced the State Changes to the Critical Area. Public Hearing will be January 11, 2016.

Public Comment:

Bert Wells: How's the kayak launch coming? Town manager is out, the Mayor will have her email himan update when she returns.

Harriett Davis: Lights for flag beside the bank are out and they should be lit. There seems to be a problem with them shorting out.

Mayors Comments:

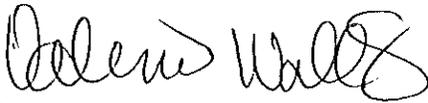
Mayor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas; welcomes Trudy Carter to the Council. Asks Council to review the surveys that have been received in Town Hall. He would like to discuss the results at the January workshop.

Town Attorney Tom Yeager wished the Town a Merry Christmas, complimented the decorations and he enjoyed the Open House. Thanked Mayor for his Christmas present of lottery tickets.

Adjourn: 7:30p, BM FV

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasure



Dean Geracimos
Mayor