

## Town Council Meeting

July 11, 2016

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Trudy Carter, Town Attorney Tom Yeager,

Absent: Councilman Tom Morris, Project Manager Rob Bernstine

Staff: Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Tourism & Economic Development Carla Miners, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

### Minutes

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from June 13, 2016. All in favor, motion

### Action Items

**Resolution 07.11.2016** Resolution of the Town of Chesapeake City in support of the Village Center Streetscape Construction Phase 1 Community Legacy Grant Application

**MOTION:** Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept the resolution in support of the Village Center Streetscape Construction for Phase 1 for the Community Legacy Grant Application. All in favor, motion carried.

### Commissioner Assignments:

Harry Sampson: one sewer repair in Pell Garden and one break on Biddle Street. Historic Commission, Harriet Davis reported one action item, replacing fence on Rich Taylors property, September Workshop Water line presentation.

Bill Miners: Docks – rusting screws on floating dock has let Rob know about it but have not heard from him; Trail – open from here to Delaware City – future plan is to run to Wilmington DE. Some confusion about the barriers and ACOE has complaints about the barriers – they removed them and we requested to have them put back in – not sure they are working keeping the traffic & four wheelers off of it. Joe Pintel suggested looking into a camera system – we did – DE side is policed by a camera system. Complaints about the dog stations not being filled, Buddy Shepard volunteers to police the trail – fill the stations, pick up some trash keep his eye out for things out of the ordinary. Will need a letter from Bill to appoint him – Finance – starting new fiscal year and our budget is very tight.

Frank Vari – In the Planning & Zoning July meeting approved two items, Chesapeake City has been award for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year as top recycler. The June 5K had 58 sponsors and 221 participants – largest number so for the June race so far. Next race is January 1, 2017.

Tom Morris – (absent) – Sgt Leas gave his report. Mayor doesn't understand miscommunication, does not want warnings given, wants people to get tickets for speeding in Town, (14 warnings radar). Sgt. Leas stated that the deputy has the discretion to give warnings. Mayors feel 2<sup>nd</sup> street is not being patrolled. Would like a meeting with Sgt. Leas, top brass and a few council people, he wants to honor his election promises. Only two speeding tickets were given in June.

Trudy – attended MML for the first time – We have an ad in the paper for the zoning code enforcement position. Received complaints about the northside sign not being replaced; new basketball nets needed for Helen Titter Park. Regarding the Islands on Biddle Street – we've done our part – waiting for the state to do their part.

Carla Miners – Ad in Tidewater trader for July – Cecil County life, Phila magazine-visit MD, nice blurbs in print, best small towns to visit, 78 people in museum this past week.

Schaefer's sent Diana for MML for Main Street. Nice press from having Josh Collins in town. Newsletter will be in the water bills. Received calls from Ann Stubbs, Sinking Springs Far, – summit north marina are removing their signs, having trouble finding the connector for the Trail at the marina.

Comptroller coming into Town next week will go to the museum, talking about economic impact on the canal – wants to talk to business owners & council at lunch. There was an article in News Journal about Town about a week ago mentioning the car show and different events.

Old Business-None

New Business

Boat Slip – pro rate the rate at \$466 per month if anyone is interested.

Ferry Service – We have a boat that's interested – all wood boat from North East – will supply docking and electric, will put together a ferry schedule, will only charge \$2 per person. There is a demand. He wants to do other things, too – will take some work for a partnership. Wants to start August 1, he's only licensed for 6 people = can get bikes on it – not opposed to get a different boat . 9am meeting on Wednesday. Bill Miners will be heading up this project.

August meeting: There will only be one meeting in August because of vacations of the Council, that meeting will be Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> .

Mayors Comments:

Appointment with Jenny at Bayard house – wants to revisit the music permits for smaller places – ASCAP fee has to be paid based on receipts, she does not feel that its fair for small places like hers –workshop item. Need a formula that doesn't penalize smaller places.

Meetings with Carole Rothke, make sense to put together a group with Carol & others working on Corporate retreat business. Building up the shops/B&Bs for during the week. Need to market it – can be Tourism group or a separate group. Thanking Sandra and Staff and community came together for this entire thing for Josh Collins; Called Tim Kelly – about dredging – pushing hard to get it done as soon as possible. Harriett Davis – congratulating Dean on how good he looks on TV program that shows Pell Gardens. The 23<sup>rd</sup> the Fire house will have a fundraiser selling chicken BBQ in Pell Gardens.

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. All in favor, motion carried.