

Town Council Meeting and Workshop
August 15, 2016

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

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

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

A moment of silence was given for Jeffra Moore who passed away last week. Jeffra served on both the
Historic Committee and the Election Board. She will be greatly missed.

Mayor Geracimos swears in Councilman Tom Morris and Harry Sampson.

Approval of Minutes

Closed Session April 4, 2016-are not available. Unable to locate the tape of the meeting.

Town Council Minutes July 11, 2016

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to approve the minutes from the July 11,
2016 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items

Commissioner Assignments: Resolution 8.15.2016.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve Resolution 8.15.2016. This
resolution states what each Commission will oversee. All in favor, motion carried.

Vice President of Council

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve Bill Miners as Vice
President for Council for the fiscal year July 2016 – June 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion seconded by Trudy Carter to appoint Tom Morris as Vice President
for Council for the fiscal year July 2017 – June 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Check Signing Authority

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to nominate Bill Miners, Finance
Commissioner, as designated to sign checks in the Mayors absence. All in favor, motion carried.

Turner Property – Growth Allocation Review & Approval of Standards & Factors

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to send areply letter to the questions
from the critical area commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Introducing Ordinance 08152016 Animal Control Ordinance – adopting the County Ordinance.

MOU County for Animal Control

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the MOU from the
County for Animal Control. All in favor, motion carried.

Paving & Patching

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept Tom Squires Paving for the marked spots for paving and patching. Bill will be paid from both the general and water & sewer accounts. All in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Position – Council vote on rate of pay

MOTION: since the position serves at the pleasure of the mayor, he wants to speak to both candidates. Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Bill Miners to hire the candidate at \$20 an hour and after six months, \$25 an hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Ben Cardin Trail Landscape beds – one time maintenance

Both bids, Heartwood and Boas were very close financially. Project Manager Rob Bernstine will make the decision based on which company can complete the work sooner.

MOTION: Trudy Carter made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept the bid from the company that can complete the work first, the cost not to exceed \$1800.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposal for Northside Sign

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion seconded by Trudy Carter to approve the bid from Bolton Signs – Option 1 that will match other signs in town. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Lions Club Car Show

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the Event Application for the Lions Club Car Show. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Trinity Preschool

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to waive the fee for using the Helen Titter Park for Trinity Preschool. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Assignments

Harry Sampson: Water main break on Mt Nebo, three water leaks, one on Boatyard Road. Miller gave their monthly report. Waste water plant-did meet with MD Rural Water for ways they could help us on a technical aspect. Historic – did not have a July meeting, there wasn't any action items. Thanking Harry for servicing and welcoming Frank.

Bill Miners: The Town received an influx of cash from the real estate taxes. Docks – Dean & Sandra working trying to get funds for dredging in the basin. Wednesday – MMACO will be in Ocean City and it will be an opportunity to discuss several issues and to explain our basin problems to the Andy Harris - . Town attorney Tom Yeager will also be there, too.

Frank Vari: Gave his last PZ report to council – three applications – St Rose ramp, 311 Walnut for a pool and the yearend report. Looking into the international code to see what we can incorporate into ours. July 19th we received our certificate as Top Town Recycler for the sixth year in a row. Regarding the Racing Program, have started working on New Year's Race – sent request to the ACOE. For the third

year in a row – MD Day to service 9/10-10/10 – month long food/clothing/toys drive; 9/11 service in Pell Garden; 10/1 is a Town wide clean up day.

Tom Morris: Sgt Leas gave his report for July. Thanking Sgt Leas – Sept 2 be his last day with the CCSD retiring and be going to work for another municipality in Cecil County. Speed signs need checking.

Trudy Carter: has 4 people on Parks & Rec committee; Thanking Ron McLarnon for replacing basketball hoops in Helen Titter Park.

Clara Miners: , Comptroller was in town, round table discussion at lunch with several businesses; May 20th is new date for Tour de Canal – part at Summit Marine wouldn't be done until the end of the year. Hope to have better facilities at Summit Marina. Museum has had over 800 people attend on the weekends – low counts during the heat. Winterfest will have a meeting in the next couple of weeks. New Trail ranger has been making his rounds on his golf cart. Shakespeare in Park – will use Bo Manor as a backup if it rains. Mayor taped another segment today. Talked about museum, car show and weddings in Pell Gardens.

Revitalization Plan Update

1. Parks & rec committee will take care of the beds on the Trail. Trailtenders or Friends of the Trail. Concept plan for Union Street Park. A set of stairs and a bike rack at the foot of the Trail with signage. (Trudy Carter) Will be in contact with Buddy
2. Chapter 2 Utility Plan -no new information.
3. Ch 3 – Resident is very happy.
4. Sidewalk no updates; grant for Community Legacy plan has been sent in. Last week received the amenities that were from the previous grant. Work with JBG for extra pickups in Pell Gardens and in front of town hall
5. Signage Plan – Community Legacy more sign plants.
6. Trail Plan-DE connections will not completed until the end of the year.
7. Economic Impact Plan- there's a gentleman looking for investors for the Sisters property for a wedding venue and conference center.

Old Business

Open Air Music Permits – any ideas how to approach or combat the smaller guys can't pay the fees the big guys do. BM – wants to treat all of them the same, could offer some relief. – if music isn't amplified maybe half price. Mayor suggested doing it by seats. Three tier system. Workshop agenda.

New Business

Town Safety Presentation – different route comparison with other small towns – Mayor met with the State Police today with a lot of new ideas – will continue to get more information – workshop put together for Council and the residents. State programs in Western Maryland

Public Comments:

Elaine Shepard = the section that is open on the bridge is beautiful.

Bob Miller: a leak at the end of his street – thanking David & Harry Sampson. Valve lock is dry. Bridge – spent 45 minutes Saturday morning running light from South side and then the north side started running it. Voiced concerns what we've witnessed gentleman got flaggers up there on Saturday. He stated having major problems with SHA giving them any support – enforcement in the red lights. Mayor – we will be seeing teams of State Troopers, more of a presence.

Kim Bradshaw – Feels like Biddle Street is the Indy 500; Includes George St & 2nd Street.

Harriet Davis Is there an ordinance against bringing boat trailers and parking in town? Harriett has had three different tailors parking in front of her store last week.

Carla Miners – islands on Biddle look better with the mulch. Mayor – we are not allowed to touch the islands. They are property of the state.

Mayor & Council Comments:

FV – MD day to serve Town Hall will be a drop off point – or call him and he can pick up or CCEA.

Mayor: thanking Frank & Trudy for covering office when Val had a death in the family. Had meeting with staff – concerns with the appearance of the Town – Will see street sweeping every three weeks, next day will be on the 22nd.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor