

Town Council Special Session/Workshop Minutes  
December 28, 2011  
6:30 pm

Bert Wells  
Dean Geracimos  
Frank Vari  
Frank Hill, Mayor  
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Rich Taylor  
Ron Francis, Absent  
Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator, Absent  
Tomas Yeager, Town Attorney

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

**Public Announcements:**

**Frank Hill:** The Town Attorney has been working with MDE on fines from 2008 and has come to a possible settlement on the violations. We will amend the Special Session tonight to include the violations because of the time tables involved. We have completed the final paperwork and closing on the small piece of property on the corner of George Street with Bobby Walls.

Tourism Day in Annapolis is on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Will send out more information as it becomes available.

**Frank Vari:** Looks like we're going to have good weather for the 5K. Thanking everyone for emails and calls. His daughter and new granddaughter are doing well. Been in contact with SHA regarding work done on 213.

**Special Session:**

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made the motion, seconded by Dean Geracimos to move the workshop into a Special Session to introduce and vote on Resolution 12.28.2011 for the Refinance of Existing Bond and to include the MDE violation letters of 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentation by Joe Mason from Davenport & Company LLC that is included in the minutes book. By refinancing the existing bond the town could see a savings of roughly \$118,000.

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to introduce and pass resolution 12.28.2011 with the noted change to money being repaid by the Enterprise Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom Yeager discussed his conversations with Staff Attorney Lawrence Thrower at MDE regarding the violations and assessed fines.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to pay the MDE adjusted fine of \$10,000 for 5/12/2008 and 6/5/08 sewer violations. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Rich Taylor made a motion to close the Special Session, Bert Wells seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business**

1. Work-In-Process Ordinance regarding Water & Sewer Rate Levels

Incorporating suggestions from last meeting to reflect the problem with a resident leasing vs leasing a building and the rate difference; charging a base rate for a physical connection.

Frank will re-write and send to Council by email.

2. Comprehensive Dev Ordinances – waiting on red line copy; Frank will follow up on.

**Deviating from the agenda to New Business**

1. Tourism Presentation:

Chamber will be purchasing the domain [www.chesapeakecity.com](http://www.chesapeakecity.com) for \$3000. Will be finalizing the website next Tuesday or Wednesday. Council to vote on half the cost at the January meeting.

**Back to the Old Business**

3. Location of the EQ tank

Adding into the grant information

4. Sewer line to the school –Tower

Best chance of getting these grants is working with Artesian; Sharon to spreadsheet grants

5. Items from Parking Committee

Looking at all around Town signs. Will have sample at next workshop

6. Boat Slip User Fees

Language to reflect flat \$50 fee. Town Attorney and Bert to work on

7. Charter Update:

Spending updates, review of 26-61 (b)

**New Business:**

1. Tourism Committee

Town of Perryville has committee; need a resolution to establish; strictly advisory with no power/authority. Obtain funding for the Town, not the Chamber. Possible state funding if it's a Town department. Resolution to Town Attorney from Bert. The committee would decide on vision and/or focus.

2. 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – January workshop

3. Parking lot under Bridge #3 (4<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot) – January action item

**COMMENTS:**

**Frank Vari:** would like letters of appreciation sent to the students and teachers at BMHS for food drive challenge. 4 classes of 9<sup>th</sup> graders participated.

Workshop adjourned 10:13 PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer

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Frank Hill, Mayor