

Town Council Workshop/ Special Session Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2011

6:30 pm

Bert Wells
Dean Geracimos
Frank Vari
Frank Hill, Mayor

Rich Taylor
Ron Francis
Tomas Yeager, Town Attorney
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

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

Public Announcements:

Frank Hill: There will be a special session workshop on Dec 6th to discuss the Comprehensive Development Ordinances; The Candlelight Tour is Dec 10th; Dec 16th is Open House, please bring your favorite dish; Dec 26th the Town Hall will be closed for the Christmas holiday and reopen on the 27th; the Historic Commission meets on the 27th and we will move the workshop normally held the fourth Monday to Wednesday Dec 28th; Town Hall will also be closed Monday Jan 2nd.

Tree lighting went well, Santa came over by boat and carolers from the high school were very nice. The trees on the north side are being worked on by Zach Phipps, Bert has been in contact with him. The tree at the base of the bridge on the south side is lit at night and it brightens that area.

Frank Vari: On Dec 10th there will be salvageable metal pickup on the north side. There will not be any pickup on Christmas Eve on the south side. New Years Day 5K, please remember to bring a non-perishable item to Town Hall.

Bert Wells: The Tree Lighting was well attended. Wanted to thank Ron, Dean, Barb & Bill Wilkers, Christine, Norm & Turdy for their help in putting up the wreaths and greens on street signs.

Greenway Presentation – Heather Dunigan

Approx \$4000 in maintenance costs per year. Sponsorship of parts of the trail is an option to keep costs lower. Working towards a grant with no expenses for the Town. It is believed that DNR would manage the construction contract.

Moving forward, the Town will have a Resolution of Support for the next voting session. Town Administration to work with David Whitaker, Deputy Director for the Department of Planning on getting the grant written and submitted by the first week of January.

Old Business

- Natalie Gentry –update from conference – unable to attend
- Work-in-Progress ordinance regarding Water & Sewer Rate Levels
Asking Council to review; possible modification regarding rental properties & businesses that affect 3 or 4 businesses in town.
- Comprehensive Dev Ordinance – 12/6 workshop at 6:30 pm
- Location EQ tank – email from Arro; will submit information for grant – will bill \$1000 if we get grant
- Water/Sewer line to the School – Tower-County meeting with State to discuss possible funding
- Items from Parking Committee – Raising fines/limited parking/signage- possible resolution for overnight parking fines
- Newsletter-information needed by 12/18; get stickers to say “Newsletter Enclosed” for water bills.
- Boat Slip User Fee – proposed \$50 per slip; move to December workshop
- Charter updates-last copy printed in March – will get clean copies in July.

New Business

- Tourism Committee: Commissioner Wells feels that the Town should be driving Tourism. Would not have voting, no budget, would recommend to Council. Committee would work in conjunction with County & State.

- Fireworks: Mayor to send email to Corps requesting use of property for July 6, 2012.

SPECIAL SESSION: Review and possible award of Winter Maintenance Contract

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to open into a Special Session to review and possible award of the Winter Maintenance Contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of two bids, Precision Builders, Inc from Bear, Delaware and Top Notch Lawn Care Warwick, Maryland. Bids are included in minutes book.

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Frank Vari second to award the Winter Maintenance Contract to Top Notch Lawn Care. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded to close the Special Session at 9:24pm. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Palko: Will I get a parking ticket coming to the meetings, when parking in Pell Gardens and the meeting runs late? Can you impose a fee for boat slips on the Corps water way?

Dean Geracimos: Wants to make sure the Trail is taken seriously and wants to be part of all meetings, or at least aware of them. Questioning the meeting on 12/5 and why wasn't all of Council invited to attend regarding the hook-up to the school.

Frank Vari: Dean & Frank met with Janet Albert; working on a press release regarding the deplorable job done on 213 regarding the black top.

Workshop adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer

Frank Hill, Mayor