

Town Council
March 23, 2015

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Bert Wells, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Tom Morris, Town Attorney: Tom Yeager, Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Maintenance David Pardee, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Public Hearing-Annexation Resolution 02.09.2015

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to open the Public Hearing regarding Annexation Resolution 02.09.2015. All in favor, motion carried.

No Comments from Council

Public Comments:

Lloyd & Beatrice Monroe: Concerned with a larger plant and their property devaluing, and high tide water flow, outside of the fence heading east past the plant, very deep, water runs up there twice a day at high tide. Wondering if EPA will approve.

Only a small part of the property will be used of the additional about a third of the property. The treatment plant will not be expanded. Will be buffering and landscaping.

Mayor invites them to attend the meetings as the plant is designed.

Monroe – also becoming a dumping area of wood/plastics/old tvs.

Current sewer plant is on Corps property.

PZ has approved & Cecil county has review and by letter 3/18/2015 – County council is in support of the Chesapeake City zoning for this piece of property.

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Bert Wells to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session: Water Outage of March 17, 2015 FV TM

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to open the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

To discuss the water problems from March 17, 2015, corrective action needed, to vote on bid(s), and the need for protocols in place for active testing.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to allow up to \$24,999.99 for the value repair and/or replacement. All in favor, motion carried.

Dock Bids: met with contractor to do the job and within the budget requirements. \$68,500 grant, \$68,800 is quote – state said they may be able to come up with the extra funds. Work to start in two weeks and be completed in about a month.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve Bathon Builders contract for \$68,841.80. All in favor, motion carried.

Pot Holes: small jobs that were identified – about 20 potholes needing to be filled. Were not included from Leeboys previous bid, because of the size-, not too exceed \$3000,

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to fix the designated pot holes in town and not to exceed \$3000. All in favor, motion carried.

Annexation Resolution 2.09.2015 with amendment with Exhibit B. newer legal description

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the Annexation Resolution as amended with the new exhibit B. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to close the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Revitalization Plan Update- See Project Status Report

1. Beautification Day April 18th Bill Miners will be heading this up. Commitment from Softball team to also help. Will ask all the residents, too. Biddle Street planting street trees crepe myrtle and Kousa dogwood. 13 trees alternating – stakes in ground. May vote on it in April.

Trail Plan – there's been activity today – about 20 people out there today. Flags have been placed; we are in the design phase with KCI for the Legacy grants.

Economic Impact Plan: Meeting with County on what the Town can do to get business in Town. Asked what the county can do to help us, can they match tax abatements? Need to pull info together on one sheet to get it out to the businesses. Significant funds available to minority women and veterans.

Meeting with Tim Kelly with the Canal Museum – Restaurants will supply the help to man the place to keep it open on the weekends.

Residential Parking 200 Block of Bohemia: No plans to eliminate the parking as it exists today. We may modify it. Does not feel all spots are being used. Looking at getting rid of 5 spaces and relocating two spaces. There's 14, want to reduce it to 9. Harry to send the plan for the next workshop. Bill would like a penalty put in for a fine? Asking Council to come up with solutions and vote on it at the May meeting.

Outside Smoking/littering/nuisance-with noise ordinance the first offense is a warning, fine and then losing of music permit. Hours of operation in Historic District cut back? From MML you cannot limit the bar hours. Comprehensive Plan – nuisance properties? Mayor asked for zoning ideas to protect our future for next workshop.

Ferry Service: two - Miss Clare to do tours and Connell's – looking to buy the boat and modify. Both will need to dock – The north dock – working diligently to get it repaired and back up – Buddy & John Harrison working closely. Bill to have a meeting with Miss Clare as soon as possible.

New Business

Design for Wastewater Treatment Plant: Ball in Sandra's court. Need to make contact with MDE to use KCI for design and it meets their requirements. Prelim and ER has a couple of comment with USDA to get it completely done. Design period – 6-9 months to MDE.

Naming the Canal Trail: on DE side is named after the Mike Castle. With the construction going on this side, do we want to follow same process on our side and name it after Senator Carson? Maybe in July would be a good time to cut the ribbon – Bert wants to get feed back from his office – vote in April meeting.

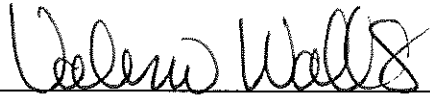
June Convention-MML No Bert, Harry & Tracey Samson will be going, Dean going, Frank Vari going, Mary Cooper and Valerie Walls going, Bill & Carla may be attending. Valerie to make reservations.

Music Permits: Tom Morris will be taking them to each establishment. Dean will call Wernie to come in and discuss their music permit for this year.

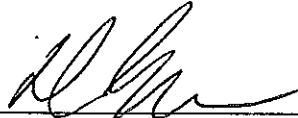
CPR bid: table – Tommy and Mayor to look into it.
Mayor Comments 4/23 State of the Town – 4/18 Beautification Day

Workshop adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos, Mayor