

Town Council Meeting January 11, 2016

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Trudy Carter, Town Attorney Tom Yeager, Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Tourism Carla Miners, Project Manager Rob Bernstine and Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls
Absent: Tom Morris

Minutes

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 – Harry Sampson – absent from the meeting.

Public Hearing

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to open a Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Attorney, Tom Yeager read the ordinance and explained changes to the Ordinance; basically the changes have to be done to stay in compliance. Frank Vari mentioned that Planning and Zoning Commission has had their hearing and approved the changes, thereby submitting it to Town Council.

Note: will vote at the February voting session.

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

Commissioner Assignments:

Harry Sampson: Water & Sewer, Public Works (Roads) Historic

Doug from Miller gave the flow numbers for the past month. Report will be part of the minutes book; Good News: 5 months with no violations. Moving forward with USDA for sewer plant, water storage tank, finalizing the easement in the next couple of weeks. Design for tower is 80% done, completion date by the end of this year. Post office application is complete, Dollar General has not closed yet, but we're ready for them. Good shape for snow removal, plenty of salt. Tractor situation will be a workshop item in February.

Bill Miners: Finance, Docks, Special Assignments

Audit should be done by the workshop, will receive copies by the workshop, and have Jim come to the March workshop to answer any questions Council may have. Winterfest wrap-up meeting within the next month, we learned a lot this year, to make next year even better. Still have one crab missing. Mayor has received tremendous Winterfest compliments. Worked with Frank Vari on filling the vacancies on the Historic Commission.

Frank Vari - Planning & Zoning, Recycling, 5K Races

For the Zoning Commission Lee Adams was voted in for Chair and John Watson for Co-Chair. Talked about International Property Ordinance that Cecil County & Elkton have – Town Attorney believed the State of Maryland may be making that a requirement. CPR/ADD classes will resume, David working on setting up classes. The Race – great success, 294 participants, 56 sponsors, raised a net total of over \$7000. CCEA collected 100 pounds of food. Registered 90 that day and over 120 online. Will do the same thing in June. Wal-mart of Elkton donated 1000 bottles of water, we have plenty if you need any.

Recycling – beginning Feb 1st – NO PLASTIC BAGS. Either cardboard box or loose, preferring loose. Frank will have breakout of recycling at the workshop. June 25th next run on the trail.

Tom Morris: Public Safety, Noise

Councilman Morris is out sick. Sgt Leas gave his report for December and a Year summary for the Sheriff's Department shifts for the Town.

Trudy Carter: Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement, Charter/Ethics

Parks and Rec meeting next Monday with the Mayor, Code Enforcement is under New Business.

Old Business

Carla Miners – Tourism/Economic Development

Newsletter went out with the water bills; have been appointed to the Cecil County Tourism Committee. Museum staffing earlier this year in April; Prime 225 will open on the 20th. Concerned with dogs running loose on the trail – leash free (Workshop item). Working on ACEO to have a fundraiser. The Mayor stated that the Town took a lead on tourism without relying on the county. The county Tourism has been offered space, rent free for one year, if they open an office in Town-decision to be made within the next two weeks.

Historic Commission- Bill Miners: There are two members that have not expired, Jeffra Moore and Harry Sampson. He has talked to several people and proposes to fill 6 of the 7 seats. Would still like to speak with Andy Vaughn and Rich Taylor regarding the open spot. 4 members required for a quorum. While Elaine Shepard is on the Planning Commission, Town Attorney stated he could not find anything that would indicate there would be a conflict.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to appoint Harriett Davis to fill the open spot that expires 2017; Karen Rita, Tracey Sampson and Elaine Shepard to fill seat that expire in 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Winterfest take down date – after 10th. David has started taking some displays down. Need crab pot tree taken down as soon as possible and pots returned to the owner.

Part of January workshop- KCI rehab of Village Street scape design. Mayor wants to make sure that all of Bohemia Avenue be notified. Bo Manor band is coming in to make an appeal for a donation.

Mayor & Councilwoman Trudy Carter will be setting up parameters for Code Enforcement ; job description, hours- send to Trudy. Workshop agenda topic.

New Recycling rules, Councilman Vari will explain in more detail at the January workshop.

Public Comments

Asking attending public to attend the workshop – we have a full agenda.

Dog containment containers need to be installed on trail – dogs running along the fence line.

Need sign for fines.

Adjourn

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos
Mayor