

Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2016

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

Staff: Tourism/Economic Dev/Public Relations Carla Miners, Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Project Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

The Mayor called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from April 4, 2016. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1-T Morris – he was absent.

Minutes for the Closed Session 4/4/2016 –next meeting

Public Hearing

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Bill Miners to open a Public Hearing for the Constant Yield Tax Rate. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no public discussion, rate will stay the same as last year.

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

Action Items:

Proclamation – Lana DuPont Wright

Read and accepted

Proclamation – Safe Boating Week

Read and accepted

Proclamation – Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week

Read and accepted

Revisiting Music Permits – will be leaving the permit approved at the last meeting in place.

Sidewalk repairs for Second Street – can approve one as a back-up plan, if the state can't get to until after Memorial Day. Recommends Crocket & Sons (the other bidder did not have Workman's Comp).

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept the bid from Crocket & Sons to do the sidewalk work if the state cannot get to it before Memorial Day. Councilman Morris & Sampson will work with the Project Manager. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Tom Morris to move funds over from the Water & Sewer Trust fund to the Roads fund to cover this expense. All in favor, motion carried.

Vacant Seat on Elections Board: Carla Miners has resigned.

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to appoint Fiona Hirschfeld in Carla Miners vacant seat. Her term would be 2016 and 2017 election. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Assignments:

Harry Sampson: Artesian: no representation, Doug from Miller gave his reports. Update on Water Tower – its currently going out to bid. Grease Trap inspections hopefully completed by the end of the month. No meeting for Historic – nothing on agenda.

Project Manager Bernstine gave his report, included in the minutes book.

Bill Miners – dock is on north side, needs to install the ramp, weather has been an issue; procedure signs ordered for down by the dock for WiFi. Public Hearing on budget before the workshop, there will be no tax increase. In September the tour de Canal – coordinated with the State of DE.

Frank Vari – gave updates on the race at the last meeting and workshop. Very busy in town on Mother's Day. Annual Canal Race is going well.

Tom Morris – Commissioner Morris gave the sheriff's Department monthly updates.

Trudy Carter – Parks & Recreation completion of project by the 9th graders, new fence at the horseshoe pits. Ed Lee will be looking into getting a league to use it – The Town has several Horseshoe champions residing here.

Old Business

Tourism/Economic Development/Public Relations- Carla Miners –
Yard sale advertised in the Guardian. Balloons in Town Hall and Belle Connells, signs are up, press releases have gone out. Cecil County Tourism Award – 2015/2016 Impact Award. Contest – Choice Awards, asking for people to check in and vote for your favorite destination. Invited to participate in Plain Air Brandywine 10-19 10-21, 4 places to paint, one is us – juried art event, sale on the 21st. All the paintings go to the duPont museum to be exhibited.

Frank Vari: tentative increases for the Landfill. Requesting a \$4 increase for refuse hauling. Has not been approved by the County yet.

Trudy – thanking Carla for her hard work – a very nice article in the paper about us receiving the award.

Harriett Davis: Requesting a donation from the Town for Music in the Park. June 7th High School Band performing – will hope for donations. First band is July 2 – day after fireworks – Saturday. The Mayor agreed to donate \$500 from his discretionary fund.

Gwen Clayton: Will there be a Canal Day in late October? Or something else to bring in the crafters, Lions club, etc. Fall fest is just not bringing in the crowds.

Carla Miners – there will not be a boat parade on July 1st – maybe in the fall.

Mayor Comments – none

Adjourn

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos
Mayor