

Town Council Meeting/Workshop October 18, 2016

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

Staff: Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

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

Approval of Minutes

September 12, 2016

MOTION: Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Trudy Carter to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2016 minutes. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 H Sampson Absent Motion carried.

September 28, 2016-Closed session – next meeting

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MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from the workshop held on September 28, 2016. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 H Sampson – Absent. Motion carried.

Action Items

Proclamation For First Responders.

Mayor Dean Geracimos read the Proclamation for the First Responders; Councilperson Morris will be presenting this at the dinner in November.

Event Application-Plein Air Brandywine Valley

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the painting event on October 19, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

Commission Assignments

Harry Sampson: Millers report is attached to the minutes, no one from Miller or Artesian to give reports. We do have a spare pump for the Bo Manor pump station. The Mayor gave Project Manager's update. The Planning & Zoning workshop was cancelled this month because there was no new business. They are only required to meet once a quarter.

Bill Miners – auditor is working on the audit – decorating contest letter went out, along with press releases for Winterfest. Business owners would like to New Years Eve a crab drop, perhaps a large crab with MD emblem and dropped from a crane, it would add to the closing of Winterfest and then fireworks. Commissions Miners and Vari will be working on part of it. Meeting next Tuesday with Chamber – will have to be a group effort. Investigating the idea of piping Christmas music through Town, – working on it for this year.

Frank Vari – Harriett Davis gave an update of the last Historic Commission meeting. NY Day race is underway, sponsors coming in. He was also part of the Honor Bus for Cecil Vets to New York City. Yard waste for winter 12/19-3/6 will be stopped =- Trees in December/January. Public works – sidewalk repair later to be discussed. Maryland Day to serve was very productive, collecting food, clothing and

toys, household items and then town wide clean up. We were the only town that did 3 events for the Day to Serve. Roads – Biddle St islands 10/17 state have failed bid attempt. We cannot do it ourselves. State reassessing the plan. Do not plan to see anything into spring.

Tom Morris – Code Enforcement – Mayor will be calling all three back in and the Mayor will make the decision next week.

Trudy Carter: P&R meeting last week; Monthly inspections of the park. Sandra was a great help. Closed at dusk signs by next week. Meeting again next week.

Revitalization Plan Updates

Roads –new poles on Biddle Street – email to Linda Burris/Jim Reynolds called. They will try to clean up, Project Manager Rob Bernstine to follow up calls to cable/telephone people – they have to move to the new poles.

Landscaping Plan – nothing additional

Utility Plan, nothing additional

Infrastructure Plan = working on growth allocation with Critical Area Commission

Sidewalk Plan-New business.

Signage Plan – North signs for Walnut, northside entrance is done

Trail Plan – Bohemia Trail – going through process, construction in spring.

Economic Impact Plan – Winterfest. Met with DJ Faucet – will be at the Nov meeting – Capt on Barge vessel. Wants to operate a Ferry Service and a tour – two different vessels.

Old Business

Open Seats – email to Dean if Andrea Driscoll is still interested. Tom will look into about having her on Board of Appeals considering she is Lee Adams significant other, is there a conflict?

New Business

Sidewalk Repairs

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the sidewalk repairs, except for the ones on George Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Holiday Open House – Tonya Lockwood would take over getting donations from the restaurants and invites. Thursday December 8th.

Public Comment

Frank Vari wants to remind residents that with the upcoming winter weather, they are responsible for their own sidewalks.

Ghost Walk – will be this Friday and Saturday.

Bill Campbell –wants to present more information to the Planning Commission.

Ed Schwitzer– update on dredging? – Not happening this fall – Mayor spoke with Ben Cardins office – working with DC and ACOE and hope to have serious answers on when it will happen.

Trucks using air brakes – but they are going over unless police sit there they cannot enforce it.

Inventory done decorations semiannual? In spring.

Adjourn

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos
Mayor