

Town Council Meeting  
September 18, 2017

Present: Harry Sampson, Frank Vari, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Carolyn Blevins, in for Town Attorney Stephan Lagoy

Absent: Rebecca Mann, Tom Morris

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

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Rebecca Mann and her family on the loss of her mother last week.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting August 14, 2017

**MOTION:** Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting August 28, 2017

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on August 28, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Workshop Meeting August 28, 2017

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items

October 9<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day

Council will meet on Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Rate of Pay for Code Enforcement Position & Type of Position-Special Session Workshop

Director of Economic Development & Tourism Position-Special Session Workshop

Event Application: Elementary School Halloween Parade

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the Elementary School Halloween Parade. All in favor, motion carried.

Extra Work Authorization for KCI on Bohemia Trail increases are covered by the grant.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the increases for the Engineering Services for the Bohemia Trail. All in favor, motion carried.

New Appointments to Election Board

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to appoint Bob Loller and Anne Peacock to the Election Board, filling the vacant seats of Katie Hutton and Fiona Hirshfield. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to appoint Bill Miners for the floater position (Susan Gill will be out of Town). All in favor, motion carried.

#### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sampson-Miller was not in attendance, Commissioner Sampson read their report. Project Manager Rob Bernstine gave project status updates; Working on a list of pot holes; deck repairs. Mayor recommends for PZ take one or two people to power through it – when you get to the CDO – just an idea.

Commissioner Morris-Absent; Cecil County Sheriff's Office absent.

Commissioner Vari – Tourism is working on Winterfest with the Chamber. Attended Fire Company and presented a check for the race in June, asked for help to raise the lights for Winterfest. Yard waste ends 18<sup>th</sup> December through March 5<sup>th</sup> unless we have a bad storm. Will pick up Christmas Trees in December & January. Racing program: sending out sponsors forms, NYDays Race is looking for volunteers. It helps supplement our recycling program. 9/11 Maryland Day to serve – clean up day through Town removed 18-19 bags of trash. The next event is Town wide clothes, toys and food drive. Toy Giveaway is December 2. Town Hall is a drop off point. Attended a few banking meetings – PNC will definitely pulling out in November – APG will be here next Monday to give up an idea on what they offer. Harford & Fulton also interested. PNC lease is up on 12/31/17. After first of the year, CPR classes in town – Fire Dept will handle. \$5 for an updated card. 9/30 Fire Co movie night 8pm will have food – fundraiser for fire co.

Commissioner Mann-absent.

Commissioner Blevins-updated from the last Historic Commission meeting. Noise working with other Towns, Mr. Lagoy sent 277 pages on Noise, will need a Noise Enforcement Officer-workshop item. Reviewing other towns. Spoke with State police barracks – We are authorized to write truckers tickets as long as it is in Town Limits. Working on getting signs; one specific sign for that area – from the State. Dean wants them called everyday. One sign east of Chesapeake Inn and one the other side of the road. Attended with Tom Morris the State Highway Strategic meeting. When the committees are set up, they'll let us know, and see what the towns can offer. Meet with Elementary school on safety. Sending out flyers, when the spaces are filled beside the school, the parents have to park under the bridge. Put a sign up for 7mph school zone and have an officer for dismissal. Need to park in the red lot – it's only an extra 20 feet.

#### Old Business

Discussion of Council Members serving as ex-officio voting vs non voting-leaving it to Planning and Zoning to deal with it in the CDO. Wants to bring that forward with the Parking.

Review of the Skateboard Ordinance-workshop need to figure out what you are trying to control. Decision has to be made on what you're supposed to control.

New Business

Petition for Judicial Review-will cost the taxpayers a good amount of money. Carolyn Blevins knew nothing about this until tonight. Schedule a closed session before the workshop to be discussed by Council 6:00pm. Gwen Clayton has been out of town and does not know anything about it.

Public Comments

Gwen Clayton: Regarding the accusations from Non-Residents: I have just as much right to disagree/fight anything with the town because it affects us and our properties.

Larry Crouse: Universal Mortgage putting a new score board on the girls field. Town Manager applied in August for Grant but will not know until next spring. Trying to get appraisal for extra parking, this property is very important to the Town. There's just no parking for events. Wants the council to realize how important the parking is and is needed at the Community Park.

Mayor: we have the best complex in the county. Will do everything he can to get public funding for this. We need the parking and you don't have the space for events.

Donna Shelton – thanking Town for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show for the Lions Club. 607 vehicles – all of our money - \$19,000 is donated and most of the money stays in Chesapeake City.

Mayor and Council Comments

Frank Vari – one comment regarding the judicial review, I am friends of Campbells and I did not know this was coming. This will hurt the town financially

Harry Sampson – no comments

Carolyn Blevins – no comments

Mayor – had absolutely no control regarding PNC leaving Chesapeake City. Those decisions made at a corporate level and he had no influence whatsoever. Wants to make clear, there is no slush fund or Rainey Day Fund.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to close the meeting at 7:36pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos  
Mayor