

Town of Chesapeake City  
Town Council Meeting  
June 12, 2017

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

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

5:30pm – Budget Work Session – The Mayor presented a balanced budget to the Council and audience.

6:20pm – Work Session ended, will take a ten minute break

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Bunky Luffman, Intergovernmental Affairs Eastern Shore Liaison, Office of the Governor

Approval of Minutes

May 8, 2017

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

May 22, 2017

**MOTION:** Trudy Carter made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to open the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget – No Public comments

Constant Tax Rate keeping it the same at \$.4488 per \$100.00

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

Election Results

The Mayor read the election results into the minutes.

Action Items

CYTR - \$.4488/\$100

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the Constant Yield Tax Rate at \$.4488per \$100. All in favor, motion carried.

2017/2018 Budget

Town Attorney Tom Yeager stated we did not need a separate vote, the ordinance includes it.

Emergency ordinance 06.12.2017

**MOTION:** Trudy Carter made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to approve Emergency Ordinance 06.12.2017 regarding the Budget for fiscal year 2017/2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Cecil County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Trudy Carter to approve the contract with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. All in favor, motion carried.

Union Street Park KCI Task Order

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to accept the task order from KCI for the Union Street Park. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Independence Day Celebration

**MOTION:** Trudy Carter made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the Event Application for the Independence Day Celebration. All in favor, motion carried.

Commission Reports:

Commission Sampson: Doug gave the Miller Report for the past month; Rob updated Council- his report is attached to the minutes book. Working on easements for CCPS - goes to the board today. Town Attorney working on easements of the adjoining properties; water report to go out in the mail next week. Planning Zoning met, approved two applications, tabled one, need to meet with applicant.

Commission Miners: Finance is covered; need information for newsletter. Summer edition of "Her Mind" has a nice Cecil County section that we participated in. Docks, Buddy Shepard has resigned from being the Dock Master. He's been doing it for fourteen years as a volunteer. Bill Miners volunteered to replace him in his spare time. Ferry has been very successful – addressing the ferry issues under New Business. We have a contract with DJ – the Bay Breeze does not have the right to come into DJ's slip to drop off customers.

Mayor asking Town Attorney to draft a letter telling them they cannot come into the Town Dock without a contract. Council is in agreement.

DJ has been running the ferry back and forth, more than the scheduled – comes out when called. It's been very positive. Weather hasn't been the greatest, but has not dampened their spirit.

Commission Vari: Harriett Davis gave an update from the last Historic Meeting. Public Works – a reminder of the yard waste – cannot be put in plastic bags – put in paper bags or into a container. Tuesday is trash – everything including televisions. Wednesday is recycling – no plastic bags. Please call JBG directly for special pick-ups. If you see a bad pot hole, please call us. Noise – working with Chesapeake Inn, meeting with the sound man this week. Recycling – should receive the weights for this year, we are hoping to be the top one this year – will know by the end of the month. Attended Graduation at Bohemia Manor; Race – 54 sponsors; never too late to be a volunteer or a runner/walker. Race starts at 8am. School is out – careful of kids playing in the streets.

Commissioner Morris: Deputy Dixon gave the report for May for Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Carter: Weeding done on the beds at the Trails, been weeding and planting.

Old Business- none

New Business

No workshop in June - will be at MML; Swearing in new council on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comments

Susie Webster: Were the permits pulled (referring to Chesapeake Inn Valet lot)? Where is the permit; it's a non confirming lot.

Town Attorney – it's a use that's there –Just because there's no records doesn't mean it wasn't approved. It's an allowed use. IF it's expanded, it has to go through site approval. If it stays the same there's no reason to get a permit.

*More discussion by both parties, unable to transcribe, too much noise and talking over each other.*

Lee Hutton – Biddle Lock St = three stop signs. Would like a sign say 3way sign – not just put up yet. Hit state up again – Bad spot –

Outgoing council members Trudy Carter and Bill Miners, Mayor recognizes them for their work with the Council and would both of them involved with the Town.

July 10, 2017 swearing in the new council

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

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos  
Mayor