

Town Council Meeting  
March 12, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Tom Yeager  
Staff: Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Project Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls.

Approval of minutes:

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2018 Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to accept the minutes from the February 26, 2018 workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the minutes from the March 3, 2018 Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion to accept the present budget amendments, seconded by Rebecca Mann. All in favor, motion carried.

St Pattie Day Parade:

**MOTION:** Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the Event Application for the St Patties Day Parade contingent on receiving the liability insurance from the Chamber. All in favor, motion carried.

Little League Parade:

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the Little League Parade application contingent on approvals from both the SHA and Sheriff's Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Cecil Transit Subsidizing

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to agree to a six month trial for subsidizing the \$2.50 cost of the rider. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Vari: Tourism waiting to hear from the Chamber regarding their proposal; the next finance committee is March 22, public invited to attend. County hazard waste – free to those in Cecil County on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recycling has been reduced 20% county wide, due to plastic bags. Plastic bags are going in the trash. Recommend using an open container – put them into paper bags or cardboard boxes. Take tops off of plastic bottles. Race program is set up; needs volunteers. Special Events: attended seminar 2/27 for a better Maryland; 3/5 at BMHS on safety of schools, ALICE was introduced. Schools have been taught it. Discussion with Council and Mayor, we are establishing a Water & Sewer committee. This Saturday is St. Patrick's Day. Take it easy on Pub Crawl.

Commissioner Mann – Surprised that grants were not 100% - most concerned about the town's part is \$1,000,000. We're in dire need of a waste sewer plant. And that's not even included. This will impact all of us; any future grants must be 100% or we will not apply for them. We have to work hard to keep it under control.

Commissioner Vari: that's what the finance committee is looking at too; We may have to put some projects on hold or reduce the scope of projects.

Commissioner Blevins questions on debt and who was aware of it.

Treasurer Walls: Council knew, Sandra gave updates on all the projects.

Commissioner Blevins: Nothing for Historic, gave the Police report for February; Noise -waiting on Tom about the plastic tents. Continued discussion at workshop; Wants to discuss a generator for Town Hall, too.

Project Manager: Discussed change order on water tower project; Brian Morgan from KCI to prepare actual cost for projects, Safe Routes to School, Helen Titter Park and Union Park

Commissioner Mann wants to meet with Council specifically on the Bohemia Trail.

Lot of discussion regarding Union Park at the Northside Neighborhood Association Meeting. Item for the workshop. KCI is 85% complete on the new Wastewater Plant, far enough along to work on financing. Water Tower Demolition –plan on taking down in April; cost to be rolled into the financing.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the budget changes orders for the new water tower that now includes the demolition of the old one. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the Isler Contractor bid of \$34200 to do the demolition, contingent on USDA review and approval. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

In the interim fill the police and public safety – will be Carolyn – motion as the police and safety

**MOTION:** Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to name Carolyn Blevins Police and Public Safety Department Head. All in favor, motion carried. Note: Town Attorney will draft a Resolution to that effect.

Public Comment:

Harriett Davis has problem, application for a wedding that has been scheduled the same day as Shakespeare in the Park. Harriett offered her the ground behind Town Hall that's close to the Chesapeake Inn- doesn't want her to pay for it because of the mix-up on her part.. Will the Town allow them? Harriett to stay in touch with the Council; Council will work with her.

Council Comments:

Commissioner Mann– none

Commissioner Vari – don't forget the 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt at Helen Titter Park 1-3

Commissioner Blevins-none

Mayor – Bayhead Brewery Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-10am on Saturday; Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Parklands in Cecilton with SHA at 1:30pm to discuss the truck traffic on 213 when the tolls go into effect on Route 301. Letters went out Thursday to the three potential Council candidates – gave the deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> for their decision. Different perspective of the amount of the Town's share of grants, wants to leave everyone with the amount we are taking on is substantial but based on our success of the grants we have Projects with 100% grants (staying within the budget). Bohemia Trail 345,000 is town share – making changes we can look at that as doing phases – understands the concern – we have this challenge because we've had the success. There's no disagreement on how desperate we need to have sewer plant done.

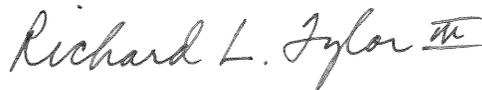
Joanne Healy - Matching grants, doesn't the Town have to have funds to match at the time its awarded?  
Town Attorney: Government may be different – highly competitive market – looked at very closely by the funder. With respect to waste water treatment plant – one of the things USDA looks at the rate structures. There's no choice – have to do upgrades; if we don't there's fines.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to go into a Closed Session after a ten minute recess at 7:46pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer



Rich Taylor, Mayor