

Town Council Meeting
Public Hearing
May 14, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Thomas Yeager

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Taylor started out with the Proclamations:

National Safe Boating Week May 19-25, 2018 in Chesapeake City, Maryland
Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week May 15th May 14 – 18th, 2018

Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Councilman Collins read the proposed tax rate. No Public Comment.

Approval of the Minutes

March 12, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 closed session. All in favor, motion carried.

March 24, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2018 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

April 9, 2018 Council Meeting

MOTION: Frank Hill made a motion seconded by Lee Collins to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting with grammar corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

April 14, 2018 Special Session

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

April 14, 2018 Closed Meeting

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the minutes of the Closed Session on April 14, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

April 23, 2018 Special Session

MOTION: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the minutes from the April 23, 2018 Special Session with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Blevins: Public Safety – unable to find a grant for generator. Read the police report to be part of the minutes; reported on the Historic Committee information.

Commissioner Vari: Miller Environmental gave their updates for April. We had Compliance Check last week, giving us 30 days to respond to those items. Some have already been repaired, some are long range. Rob gave his information about the water and sewer updates. Parks & Rec meeting the second

Tuesday of the month. Waste/Recycling – County starting a program, no plastic bags into the recycling regardless of their markings. Junk Be Gone is to be called for special pickups. Racing program doing well; 29 registered already – looking for more sponsors and volunteers. Special events: Arts Council sponsoring bands in Pell Garden through June. July 1st is the Fireworks. HUR – bill passed last Thursday. APGCU will be full service May 29th, ribbon cutting on June 13th at 930am; on June 16th hosting Community Fun Day to introduce themselves to the community.

Commissioner Mann working with KCI for facade grants – porches, windows, it is 100% grant; Codification Plan is not completed: BLT grant – applications due on Friday – generator could tie into that. Application is online.

Commissioner Hill – Paving of the streets on North & South side of Town. Maintenance has started summer chores and have been very busy; Gave an updated on the latest Planning Commission meeting; Docks activity is picking up.

Commissioner Collins: Working with Staff for rates, billing for water and sewer; believes we may be losing water. Will be getting finance committee back to meeting on a regular basis.

Town Manager – while doing the paving on Hemphill a covered a manhole was covered over, maintenance report is included as part of minutes.

No Mayor report

Event Application: Cecil Street Block Party

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to approve the event application for the Cecil Street Annual Block Party. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Independence Celebrations & Fireworks

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to table the vote until the workshop pending information submitted by the 25th. All in favor, motion carried.

MOU Cecil County Department of Community Services and the Town

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to approve the Memo of Understanding with the County for six months. All in favor, motion carried.

Tree work Heartwood Bid –

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion to accept bid from Heartwood for tree work. Lee Collins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Rate:

MOTION: Lee Collins made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill for fiscal year 2018/2019, the tax rate to be R.4688 per \$100. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 04.23.2018 to Adopt Budget FV FC

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to adopt the present budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Prior Business

KCI Project Update – Letter is attached in the Minutes Book.
Bohemia Trail – Workshop item
Discussion of phasing of projects and the effect on cash flow.

Frank Hill: Any activity regarding 501 Cecil St? County has not been contacted; Town did clean up the property. Rebecca will look up property title issues before we incur more legal expenses. AGENDA item in May Workshop.

Community Service Patrol-workshop agenda
Music Permit Enforcement-workshop

Workshop – State Police Presentation

MOTION: Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill that the Town does not sign the agreement for Cecil County Sheriff's Department until we've reviewed the State Police Proposal. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Cindy Ortt – questioning the police presence to the fireworks, did not see them last year, Northside was a mess. Regarding the Event for the day, concerned for a longer day, starting the vendors earlier – can easily be another Canal Day.

Commissioner Comments

Frank Hill: Town pickup truck- wants to consider purchasing Fred Craig's truck for sale, to use for a year or so, and then consider a new one in the next year. Workshop item.

Mayor – huge thank you to Rob Bernstine and the job he's doing.
Town Election is June 4th for the position of Mayor and two council seats.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to go into a Closed Session after a five minute recess. All in favor, motion carried.

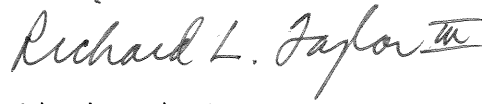
Closed Session began at 9:00pm.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to close the meeting after the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor