

Town Council Workshop/Special Session
May 29, 2018

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

Staff: Acting Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Wall

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

Presentation Maryland State Police

Would be officers from the North East barracks. Typical run 4 hour blocks with overlapping shifts. 99% are radar certified; Do not do foot patrols, but could walk around town to show presence. The commercial vehicles have meters for noise. To hire an officer specifically for Town would be on average \$200K per year. No extra charge if have to go to court.

Presentation: Overdose Prevention Roberta Johnson

Dettera bags for places that do not offer perscription drop off locations, add medications into the bag and water and toss into the trash. Family resource education groups on Tuesdays at 6pm support group. Narcan training every Monday evening at 6p.

Presentation: Atlantic Broadband – Fran Bradley

Franchises are not exclusive agreements. Proposed 15 year agreement provides for 3 five year renewals.

Steve Connell – Marketing Presentation

Discussion of several idea's for Town Sponsorship

Prior Business

Fireworks – The Chamber has dropped out of hosting the event. The Town will sponsor the event.

Community Service Patrol

Project/Infrastructure Updates

Bohemia trail proposal for realignment; discussion to move trail to Bohemia – additional cost for re-alignment.

Water tower update – new water tower well – water in the end of June. Removing was supposed to be done today; problems with a homeowner that has installed a new roof, requesting additional protection for his home and property. Town Attorney stated if it can be done without going on his property, a good faith contract can be done. Homeowner has burden of proof to show he would have irrefutable harm if it goes through. Council in agreement to proceed with the work of removing the tower. Rob to send a letter out to the contactor. Contractor has been in business for 20+ years and never had roof damage.

Community Service Patrol, ticket writing and parking enforcement – not just a hammer –but to be a plus for the community – also use It for music enforcement. \$15-20 rate per hour. Tickets and music fees to cover costs. Set a budget and let Rich and Commissioner Blevins pick a candidate.

The Mayor and Rob meeting with Sheriff's Department for month to month contact to gracefully exit without burning bridges.

Fireworks – just have fireworks Town is out of the planning. Recommend for that day close off north of second for public safety for foot traffic. Closing loop and 1st street. Close George. Parking on levees? Renting lights? Frank to call Scout leader for parking. Need cost of lights and port a potties. Fire police directing traffic – Sheriff's requesting no parking on George St. New Business

Public Alert – Softline Data

Program similar to our Code Red. More economical and based on our water and sewer accounts.

ALICE – Chesapeake City Elementary School

Rich and Frank were speaking to the 4th graders about our government. The ALICE drill is county wide and the Elementary School will be doing drills for potential threats. Will let Town Hall know when date is sent.

Special Session –Waiving fee for Helen Titter Park for Cub Scouts

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to go into a Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to approve the Cub Scouts use of Helen Titter Park and waiving the fee. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion to approve \$325 a week for someone to write parking tickets, do noise readings and community service patrol June 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 as a trial period. Frank Hill seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to close the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Cindy Ortt – participating in Fireworks, with the Town is footing bill, as a resident, it seems the major restaurants are having the busiest day of the year. They're packed all day. Why are we paying? (*Both Schaefer's and Chesapeake Inn pay one third of the bill*). Also feels the roads are a nightmare and a safety concern. Rebecca Mann stated that hopefully next year, the Town will be able to make some money at the event.

Lee Collins had a hand-out regarding overdue water bills, that he wanted Council to review and he would be in touch with them.

Frank Vari : APGCU opened today –6/13 ribbon cutting, 6/16 family fun day. Tonya Adams from Landfill said our numbers are up again and in the running for being number one – eight years in a row. (even being 20% down from last year because of the plastic bags).

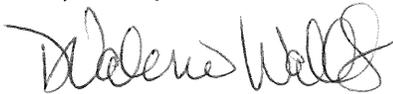
Mayor Comments

Received a lengthy and very negative email from the Chamber to Mayor and Council. He would like to meet with Natalie Ricci to discuss, however Councilmember Mann wants him to everyone by email. He will be as diplomatic as possible. He also believes there's a lot of frustration was misdirected to the Town.

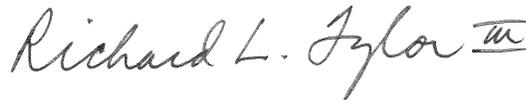
Tonya Lockwood: believes leaders on both sides need to find common ground. Somewhere an olive branch needs to be extended. Both need to work for the better of the Town. The kids needs to see us work together for the better of the Town.

Workshop adjourned at 906pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor