

Town Council Minutes  
June 18, 2018

Present: Lee Collins, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins

Absent: Rebecca Mann, Town Attorney Tom Yeager

Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:28pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Board Elections Supervisor Harriett Davis read the Election Results for the Minutes. Rich Taylor was re-elected as Mayor and Frank Hill and Lee Collins were elected into the Council seats. Councilman will be sworn in on July meeting.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting on May 14, 2018

**MOTION:** Lee Collins made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the Town Council Minutes from the May 14, 2018 meeting. All in favor motion carried.

Closed Session Town Council May 14, 2018

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to approve the minutes from the Closed Session on May 14, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Council Workshop on May 29, 2018

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to approve with minor corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: Chris Sutton has been hired to write parking tickets, he will be helping the tourists in Town and become certified with noise meter. He will be starting tomorrow night. Harriett Davis updated from the previous Historic meeting. Previous monthly police report was read into the minutes.

Councilman Vari: Miller Environmental gave their May report, Rob updated on Public Works. Several issues Miller was to address with a punch list quoted as "in progress" is inadequate to MDE concerns. Water Tower – rolling along, the conduit is installed, waiting on Delmarva, should be installed the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Old Tower demo is on hold; Need a resolution with Mr. McCool and the Contractor. Turner property – moving towards settlement. Parks & Rec Nice write up in paper about the Trail. Recycling – no increase in trash or recycling fees, the County will revisit in December. We recycle 29.3% last year. Awards ceremony in July. 5K Race – two weeks till the Race, about 90 registered so far, expecting more this week. Looking for volunteers. We are selling shirts \$10. Thanking Lee Collins going to the Scouts ceremony this past week. June 8<sup>th</sup> attended the Bohemia Manor HS, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Elementary School. July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be fireworks. Asking the residents to be calm that day. There will be a lot of people in Town that day. Congratulating the Mayor and Councilmen Collins and Hill on their re-election.

Councilman Hill: reviewed Safe Routes to School, putting sidewalk on south side instead of north side, not a resolution yet, multiple reviews by different agencies. Proceed or postpone Trail along the

waterfront. Mann suggested we run the walkway along waterfront – they had looked at that, will require easements, needs more discussion. Replaced 100' storm drain work.

Clerk Tonya Lockwood updated the Code enforcement work completed with Council.

Councilman Collins- Water/sewer billing anticipating around \$10,000 before end of the month. New bills go out the beginning of July. Zone meters – could not get readings; Post office pit full of water, could not get lid off, North sewer had a manual reading, South no reading. Feels we're losing water purchased and not billed. Need to get the zone meters fixed – about 25 meters not picking up – updating hand reader this week. Did a historic presentation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Town Hall last week. Attended ribbon cutting at APGFCU.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: met with SHA district engineer, looked at some storm water issues on George St. Dredging project complete, filing for reimbursements. Two grants applied for last month, generator, and KCI for Community Legacy grant. John Loveless provided a report on maintenance, curb on George Street repaired and railroad ties put on Ferry Slip to avoid damage to light poles.

Mayor Rich Taylor : Have received numerous reports from residents how nice the Town looks. Doesn't really have a report; reminded Council they need to revisit Commissioner Assignments. He will be attend the Café on Bay Ribbing cutting at 10a on Wednesday. He and Councilman Vari attended the ribbon cutting at APGFU. The Town has been approached for a donation the "14 Hour Foundation; would like to make a \$100 donation. Al has been a supporter of our races and donated the metal crab on the North side Trail.

#### Action Items

##### Event Application: Lions Club Car Show

585 cars last year; will never charge spectators to attend the show. They would like the levees open for parking, (Frank Vari will take care of getting that done). Red lot is for the employees of the Town stores/restaurants. Councilman Vari will also coordinate the trash collection with Junk-Bee-Gone. Police coverage from 6a -10a during the set up. Golf carts should only be Lion Club personnel; We do not need kids driving golf carts on the streets.

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the event application for the Lions Club Car Show All in favor, motion carried.

##### Trail Landscaping.

**MOTION:** Lee Collins made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the bid from Moon Landscaping. All in favor, motion carried.

##### Truck

2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Service Utility w/ Blizzard Speedwing Snow Plow, Councilman Hill recommends purchasing for lower price and at the end of the fiscal year, consider a new truck for following years budget. Need fairly new and reliable. Hope to reduce the snow plow contract with this vehicle. Tools can be kept in cabinets avoiding riding back and forth to the garage.

**MOTION:** Frank Hill made a motion to purchase the 2005 Dodge Ram from Fred Craig for \$9500 (or better price) considering it passes inspection, and to include money in next year's fiscal budget for 2019/2020 a new truck. Lee Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Slip fees – slips are open. Sign that states boat slips available.

**MOTION:** Lee Collins made motion, seconded by Frank Vari to cut the rate (\$2550) in half this year to see if we can fill them. All in favor, motion carried.

Sheriff's Contract / State Police Contract.

Recommendation to sign one, if not both. We have the ability to flex the number of hours, there are no minimum hours for either contract.

**MOTION:** Carolyn Blevins made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to sign both contracts. All in favor, motion carried.

Safe Routes to School:

**MOTION:** Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to continue to move forward on the Safe Routes to School. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Harriett Davis: Concerts in the Park in May and June were sponsored by the Arts Council. The Civic Association starts in July through August, from 6pm-8pm. Arts Council is trying to get the grant again next year, hoping for better weather next year.

Findley McCool gave letter to Council regarding the water tower project and his concerns for his roof and property. Town Manager Rob Bernstine will set up a meeting with the Contractor, Town and Mr. McCool to find a resolution to his concerns.

Council Comments:

Councilman Collins would like to discuss write-ins on the ballot at the next workshop.

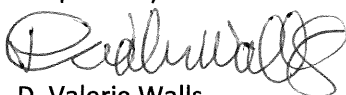
Closed Session: Personnel and Contract Issues

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins for a five minute recess, and move into a closed session to discuss personnel and contract issues. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session

**MOTION:** Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to adjourn the meeting. All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III  
Mayor