

Town Council Meeting
July 9, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Attorney Stuart Welch arrived late.

Absent: Town Attorney Thomas Yeager

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

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:31pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Councilman Frank Vari requested a moment of silence for Dave Brookens, the owner of Junk-Bee-Gone who passed away last Sunday.

Mayor Taylor swore in both Frank Hill and Lee Collins as Councilmen for a two year term.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Councilman Frank Hill made a motion to accept the Town Council Meeting minutes of June 18, 2018 with corrections. Councilman Frank Vari seconded. Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: Councilwoman Rebecca Mann – was not at the meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Lee Collins made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to accept the minutes from the Town Council Closed Session on June 18, 2018. Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: Councilwoman Rebecca Mann- was not at the meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Lee Collins made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to accept the minutes from the Town Council Workshop on June 25, 2018 with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: Gave the Sheriff's department report which will be part of the Minutes Book. This will be the last report from the Sheriff's department with the State Police patrolling the Town on the 15th. Read a report from Chris Sutton on his Community Service Patrol. She also mentioned the theft of Junk-Bee-Gone trash cans.

Councilman Vari: Miller Environmental gave their report for June 2018 and is part of the Minutes Book. There is a meeting in Town Hall on Thursday with Miller Environmental, Frank Vari and Rob Bernstine. Waste/recycling – County Council presenting awards for the year and the Town will be getting one, for the 8th consecutive year. Racing Program made around \$6000. 161 finished the race, walkers & runners. Lions Club in August on the 25th with their Car Show and don't forget the music in Pell Gardens sponsored by the Civic Association. Working on Maryland Day to Serve (workshop item). Would like to have some kind of Memorial Plaque in Memory of Dave Brookens.

Councilwoman Mann: Still waiting to hear about the façade grant; drafting/updating amendment for the election write in votes.

Councilman Hill – Updates on the Planning Commission meeting; On-going process reviewing parking lot specifications. Final corrections being made, should be ready by July 18th. It's an entire re-write. It will come to Council for approval. The docks have been pretty busy. Hoping to lease the open slips for half price for the rest of the year (October) \$2550 /\$1475.

Councilman Collins: Gave a recap of finance/debts. Sewer plant property will be coming up in the next few months.

Town Managers Report: Parks & Trails project – new bathroom marked out at Helen Titter Park.
Thanking LECCO for the use of the lights for the parking lot during the fireworks.
KCI – invitation for a social gathering at Schaefer’s on Friday night the 13th.

Councilman Hill: Decision made to purchase the utility truck, including getting it inspected along with some minor repairs. At least we can pull a trailer now without the guys using their personal vehicles.

Mayor Taylor: Chrisfield Crab Fest next Wednesday at noon; please let him know if you would like to attend.

Council Assignments: Generally done by Resolution; will have it at the workshop for review and possible vote in a Special Session.

New Business:

Letter sent to M/V Bay Breeze

Town Attorney has not been able to review the paperwork from the grant. Workshop item

Leased Docks

Discussed paying full price for next year, and use it this year for free. Ordered a sign indicating boat slips for lease. Workshop item.

Installing a new Weir Plate Assembly at the South WWTP

MOTION: Councilman Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lee Collins go with the Malden bid, not to exceed \$2420. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

Bill Campbell: Mt Nebo resident. Thanking Councilwoman Blevins getting State Troopers in place. Ms Mann, the façade thing I’ve seen that work for homes I’ve seen in other towns. Also want to talk about June 30th. Three tractor trailers sitting out on the road, Chesapeake Inn had tents going up and there was nowhere for the trucks to pull in for deliveries. The Inn was allowed to do this because it was the 4th of July weekend. There’s signs posted no parking and a ton of liability issues. It’s gotta stop. It’s dangerous. On Sunday a lot of loud music, I could not hear the ball game on tv. Lives 528 feet away in a low density area. I was here first. At the driveway at the end of Mt Nebo, vehicles are being hit. They’re (Inn) not supposed to use it. All I’m asking the Town employees not to be able to chose what laws to enforce. If it’s breaking the law, do something about it. He wants it stopped. Chesapeake City has the authority to stop it. The double standards have to stop.

Sharon Fagley – thanking Council for working with Joanne Healy with Union Street Park landscaping.

Cindy Ortt – thanking Council for finally working on the noise. Sunday was annoying, doesn’t think we need big party bands. The outdoor bar should close at 11pm.

Councilman Collins – announcement – 55+ health expo on Aug 9th, \$8 fee includes lunch, seminars, well worth the expense, sponsored by Cecil College.

Councilman Hill: 501 Cecil Street grass needs to be cut again. Something has to be done with this property. Activities at Titter Park, People using the pavilion – they had not registered to use, and they did not clean up after themselves. Put signs up that the pavilion must be reserved and they have to clean-up after themselves. Jess & John spent over an hour cleaning up after they left. Play ground equipment needs some attention too.

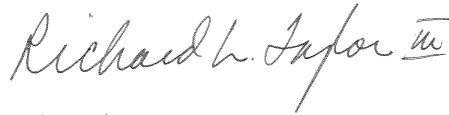
Adjournment

MOTION: Councilwoman Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Lee Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Rich Taylor
Mayor