

Town Council Meeting
September 10, 2018

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

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

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Approval of Minutes

Closed meeting July 9-move to October meeting.

Town Council Meeting August 13, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Council Workshop August 27, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: Councilwoman Blevins read the report from the State Police along with Chris Sutton's report. Almost all of the Ethics forms have been returned; will be discussing and evaluating the Community Service position with the Mayor, and Town Manager.

Councilman Vari: Josh from Miler Environmental gave the flow reports from last month for the sewer plants. There were some August violations, a report sent to the Town Manager, the rain event on the 13th hit the plants hard. On the 20th things seemed better and then hit again at the end of the month. Town Manager Rob Bernstine mentioned the Water Tower went online August 28, and brought everyone up to date on the New Sewer Plant. Parks & Rec : will need a form for playground inspection, looked into bike racks for around town. Reminded people that if you have trash in the recycling, they will leave the can for trash pick up the following week. The price increases from \$22.50 to \$79.50 when the recycling is contaminated. Please remember no plastic bags in the recycling, even if they say they are recyclable. Fiber recycling will not be coming into Town. Working with Race Roosters and Races to Run, both are online for the New Year's Day Race. Shakespeare in the Park was in Trinity Church, not as many people as hoped, those that did attend enjoyed the play. MD Day to Serve starts tomorrow. If it rains, will have 9-11 service at Trinity Church. This Saturday is supposed to be Clean-Up Day in the town – if it rains, will reschedule. Winterfest meeting rescheduled Tuesday September 18th at 7pm in Town Hall.

Councilwoman Mann: Prepared letter of support and signed about the façade grant. Has attended the Chamber of Commerce meetings; Made sure personnel committee received what they needed.

Councilman Hill: Reviewed the latest Planning Commission report. Council reviewing the parking part of the ordinance last Thursday and will continue on this Wednesday the 12th.

Councilman Collins: Harriett Davis reviewed the latest Historic Commission meeting. Shut-offs will be tomorrow for non-payment on the water bills. New water bills will come out in October. Waiting on a response from Howard Bank.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: Updated on Public Works; Discussed Local Third Thursday sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Agreement ends the end of September for the transit service; there haven't been any riders, but would like to get more attention to it and try for another 6 months.

Mayor Rich Taylor: Aug 30th met with the Steering committee for Park on the Bohemia River, the biggest obstacle is creating a new driveway. Planning on open in the Spring. Wednesday will be meeting with new superintendent of school system. Major General Randy Taylor will be attending the 9-11 Service.

Government Proclamation for Constitution Week 2018: Read into the minutes. Mary Byron accepted the Proclamation

Sewer Plant Audit:

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mann to accept the recommendation from Town Manager for White March to perform the Sewer Plant audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Cecil Soccer League Practice.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to waive the fee for use of the Helen Titter Park for Cecil Soccer League. All in favor, motion carried.

Giving the Mayor authority to sign the Settlement Papers for the Turner Property.

MOTION: Councilman Lee Collins made a motion to the give Mayor authority to sign any documents for the settlement of the Turner Property. Seconded by Councilman Vari. All in favor, motion carried.

Bus Service

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to keep the bus service running for another six months. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Atlantic Broadband Franchisee Agreement

Councilman Hill wants to verify that 100% of the Town is covered – it wasn't in the past. This is a ten year agreement with three additional terms of five years each, without giving sixty days notice to renew. Town Attorney is asking for clarification on the terms. Town Manager will clarify with Atlantic Broadband. Moving to next workshop.

New Business

Crosswalk from Red Lot to Elementary School on Third Street.

A lot of confusion on 3rd Street backing out of the parking spots with people parking on the grass across from the parking spots. Commissioner Mann would like a crosswalk painted and No Parking signs for safety reasons for both students and parents.

MOTION: Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to have the Town Manager complete the plan along with signs. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Harriett Davis: Saturday in Pell Gardens will be a Wellness Expo with vendors and demonstrations.

Commissioner Vari: Thanking everyone for the well wishes for his and his wife's 50th wedding anniversary.

Commissioner Hill: The VFW has breakfast the second Sunday every month. In October they will be offering flu shots.

Council took a five minute recess before going into a closed session.

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mann to go into a Closed Session for the discussion of acquiring property for a public purpose. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Collins to have the Town Attorney draft an MOU for use of the property on the north side of town, owned by John Giordano. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to adjourn the closed session. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:



Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III, Mayor