

Town Council Minutes
December 10, 2018

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

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

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

Approval Minutes

Closed Meeting July 9, 2018 Personnel and Contract Issues

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the minutes from the closed session on July 9, 2018. Aye 4: Nay: 0 Abstain: Councilman Adams – not a member of Council

Town Council Meeting November 14, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2018 with minor corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Council Workshop November 26, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the minutes with a minor correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: read the Maryland State Police report for the previous months activity which is part of the Minutes. The car that was at Helen Titter Park has been towed by the State Police.

Councilman Vari: Josh Griffth from Miller Environmental reviewed the monthly flows and corrected numbers from previously posted flows. Still addressing stormwater issues at the Tower, reviewed by KCI and the contractor. Hydrant flushing was completed last week. Sewer plants –KCI is working to increase grant eligibility with USDA. The 17th is the last day for yard waste. No plastic bags in recycling please. Racing Program: January 1st run – all sponsors are in except one and participants are starting to register. Met with SHA regarding bump-outs and islands. Final report on Maryland Day to Serve – Certificates presented to Tonya Lockwood, Rob Bernstine, Valerie Walls, John Loveless, Jess Cloud, Rich Taylor, Frank Vari, Harriett Davis – CCDCA and the Town of Chesapeake City. Social for Locals in town is December 20, 2018.

Councilwoman Mann-does not have official paperwork for the façade grant yet. Encouraging residents to get estimates for the projects; working on the parking ordinance. Have not heard back from John regarding the MOU.

Councilman Hill- There was no Planning Commission Meeting in December for the lack of business; docks have slowed down, most of the boats have headed south. Street sweeping completed on both sides of Town last week and tree work completed on approved projects. There was no Historic meeting for November and the meeting for December has been cancelled.

Councilman Adams- no report this month.

Mayor Taylor: Attended the 29th MD Economic Conference at Cecil College. Regarding the water tower, received a nice letter from Senator Chris Van Hallen for receiving \$112,000.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine reviewed additional updates from his report, that is part of the minutes' book.

Action Items

Resolution for Council Assignments Council Assignments:

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the Council Assignments. All in favor, motion carried.

Atlantic Broadband:

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the non-exclusive agreement with Atlantic Broadband. All in favor, motion carried.

Junk-Bee-Gone Contract. The business is being sold to Trash Tech; Council concerned with the clause in the contact regarding the business. The current contract with JBG has expired. Will amend the contract for twelve months, effective July 1, 2018, with the new owner to see if it's the same level of business. Trash-Tech located outside of New Castle, DE will be purchasing the business. Steve Saller's contact information- 302.832.8000, 443.693.3563 cell, 302.832.8621, vsadler@trashtech.com

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to extend the Junk Bee Gone Contract with terms to be the same. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Institutions:

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to move our checking and savings accounts from PNC to Howard Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

Winter Maintenance Contract:

An RFP was put out for this year's winter maintenance contract; only one bid came in, LECCO Excavating and the bid was the same as last year.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept LECCO's bid for this year. All in favor, motion carried.

Safe Routes to School: KCI gave an update on the project. KCI prepared estimate to add storm-water to the design. Will send information to the State to verify it is 100% reimbursable. There is about \$4,500 left on the design part from the grant. We are bidding in two phases to make sure cost does not exceed the grant amount. The grant amount total is \$53,700, with \$10,290 already spent. Estimating that an additional \$4,000 to be spent during construction, \$1,700 for the survey and \$3,500 for the design.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the additional \$4,000 to be reimbursed to the Town. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

December Workshop December 24, 2018

Council was in agreement to cancelling the workshop because it's Christmas Eve.

Public Comment

Ed Switzer commented about water coming up from the grate on George Street in front of the Church. It seems to be from the sump pump and the water tables are very high right now.

Council

Councilman Vari wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Hill will be getting the finance committee back in place, Lee Collins has agreed to stay on the committee, will try to convene in January.

Councilwoman Blevins wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Town Attorney Yeager – complements to Town Hall decorations and wishing everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Taylor: A Thank You to RT Foard Funeral Home for getting the Town clock repaired.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III, Mayor