

Town Council Workshop
August 27, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Vari, Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Tom Yeager
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Val 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 of America.

Commissioner Vari asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Senator John McCain.

Prior Business:

Sewer Plant Audit

The three proposals from the last meeting. The low bid, based on time, no materials – short review. The other two the estimates are fairly close. We have used MES in the past. White Marsh is a competitive business. MES & White Marsh bids are similar. Rob's opinion is to use White Marsh, we've used MES in the past and would like another opinion. White Marsh has a larger staff. MES would have older records to compare. Vote on the September meeting. We are moving ahead and fixing things with Miller Environmental.

Atlantic Broadband Franchisee Agreement

Council to review – will discuss it at the next meeting.

Bay Breeze Letter- Letter has been sent. A copy is in the Minutes Book.

Councilman Vari: Still looking into the Clothing Recycle.

New Business

Event Application Changes including Police Coverage during Special Events

There wasn't any coverage for Car Show from Sheriff's Department; going forward we cannot allow this to happen again. Discussion of changes to be made with the current event application, if anyone comes up with additional ideas, please send to Tonya Lockwood.
Updated application for the September workshop.

Holiday Open House: Nov 29th –Will create a sign-up sheet for Council to volunteer where needed.

Councilwoman Mann requested a Closed Meeting after September Meeting regarding the Sisters property for possible negotiations.

Façade grant response needed in 45 days; Councilwoman Mann will draft.

Received a letter from the Ecumenical Association asking for a donation. It was suggested to use the Mayors Discretionary Fund money that was to be used for the Lions Club police coverage.

Councilman Collins – Concerned with the Sludge fees over budget and it's only July, will need to be adjusted. Preparing for shutoffs for non-payment on water and sewer billing. Met with Howard

Bank last week; unable to work with APGFCU, they do not do municipalities. Reviewed short/long term debt obligations.

Public Comment

Harriett Davis announced that the Civic Association was successful in collecting \$2000 for the two scholarships from the donations at Music in the Park. Scholarships will be given to two students from Bohemia Manor High School.

Tammy Smithers–Lions Club did a fantastic job; asked about the number of people assisting- about 40 along with fire police and a car club, guessing about 75 people actually working the event.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Hill: Lions Club did an excellent job, the car show went smoothly and was run very well, despite having no police coverage. No official account of the cars yet. Awards given out at 2p, over 55 of them, and then the cars started clearing out.

Councilman Vari: September 8th Shakespeare in the Park, reminding everyone about the 9/11 Service in Pell Gardens and Maryland Day to Serve. Town Hall will be a collection place for food, toys and clothing.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: Water tower goes on-line tomorrow.

Mayor Rich Taylor: Thanking Frank Hill for running the last meeting.

Workshop adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L. Taylor, III
Mayor