

Town Council Meeting
February 13, 2019

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

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

The Mayor called the meeting to the order at 6:36pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Auditor James Baxter reviewed the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Minutes January 14, 2019

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept the minutes with corrections. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 R Mann- absent from the meeting.

Minutes January 28, 2019

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, second by Councilman Adams to approve the minutes from January 28, 2019 with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

Councilwoman Blevins

Reviewed the Maryland State Police Department report. Would like to get lower speed signs on Cecil and Moss; Signs on 12x18 reflective sign would run \$42.85 a piece and we need six. Will place on the workshop agenda for discussion including lowering the speed limit to 15 mph instead of 25 mph on some of roads in town. There have been a lot of complaints of speeding on Moss & Cecil Streets. A couple of months ago it was brought up about mirror for safety – coming up the alley from Pell Gardens. Tammy Smithers also thinks this is a safety issue. Tammy is willing to put the mirror on her building; will add this discussion to the workshop. Rick Webster asked how to contact the police if you have a problem at home: State Police direct non-emergency number is 410.996.7800.

Councilman Vari

Town maintenance guys did really well with the last two snow falls with the plow they have; we did not have to call in a contractor; Spoke with SHA to do all patching on Biddle St –will be repaving to Delaware line after July. Parks & Rec need volunteers for Easter Egg Hunt. Tonya will be having the Honor Society stuff the eggs but we need help that day putting out eggs. Recycling figures are in – we're at 28.6% rate – a little less than last year because of the plastic bags. Hazard Waste Day is April 28th at the landfill. Feb 21st Social for Locals in Town; attended the State of the County breakfast meeting with the Mayor. March 16th Patties Day Parade and Pub Crawl. Another month or so will be proceeding with the June Race for sponsors and participants.

Councilman Adams

Josh from Miller Environmental gave the flow summaries for January 2019. Town Manager Rob Bernstine & I will travel to Baltimore for MDE to discuss recent violations, KCI will also be attending. Working on RFP for Waste Water Treatment Plant. Miller Environmental's contract expires in June. Town Attorney to review the current contract – may have to give notice going out to bid. Reviewed the latest Planning Commission meeting. 405 George Street, will be meeting with them to come to a conclusion to their problem.

Councilwoman Mann

Nothing new to add to this month. Regarding the Façade Grant, our half of the agreement is signed; hope to have packets by the end of February.

Councilman Hill

Gave the updates of accounts balances and we are in the process of moving the funds to Howard Bank. Capital Improvements: engineering for sewer plant is 100% completed. We have a commitment of funds from MDE and USDA and we're going back for more funding. MDE doesn't pay for growth. We have peak flows with the I&I so we need the larger plant; trying to get \$1-2million more. Harriett Davis gave an update from the last Historic Commission meeting. No activity on docks – bubblers working.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine

Nothing else to add.

Mayor Taylor

Have been getting more photos of trucks parked in front of Jojos creating a safety issue. State of the County Address mentioned The Great Wolf Lodge coming to Perryville, natural gas going down 40; the new elementary school at the Bohemia Manor Complex and work going on in Brantwood Park.

Action Items

405 George Street: Moving this to an action item in March; there is a meeting scheduled next Wednesday.

Mutual Aid Agreement: Will have for the workshop and voting in March.

Event Application St Pat Day Parade – 16th at Noon –

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the event application for the St Patrick's Day Parade, contingent on their insurance policy. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the event application for the Easter Egg Hunt. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Little League Parade

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the event application for the Little League Parade. All in favor, motion carried.

Holiday Snow Flakes

If ordered before the end of February, we can get 33% off (buying two and getting one free). The Winterfest committee recommended getting a few. Northside Association will be getting three.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion seconded by Councilman Hill to purchase three (3) snowflakes from Mosca Design. Aye: 3 Nay: 2 Councilwoman Mann and Blevins. Motion carried.

Brown Box Theatre

They did not send in their application for grant funds from the Arts Council for Cecil County. The Drama Club is doing the Great American Musical Disaster April 11, 12 and 13. We could give the Drama club \$1000 and keep the \$2000 for the snow flakes.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mann to donate \$1000 to the school musical instead of Brown Box Theatre. All in favor, motion carried.

Columbia Bank – Numerous contacts by email and phone, waiting for the extension.

Public Comment

Tonya Lockwood: The Chamber is planning a Boat show for May 4th & 5th. Would like to have vendors in Pell Gardens, docking at the docks A B and C at Chesapeake Inn and perhaps the Town transit docks. Chamber will put the application in as soon as possible. Would like to close the loop at Pell Gardens and parking on the levies.

Harriett Davis – only a few openings on the band schedule for July and August, not sure if the Arts Council will be booking for May and June yet.

MOTION:

Councilwoman Mann made a motion at 8:34pm to go into a Closed Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Councilman Hill followed by a short recess for five minutes.

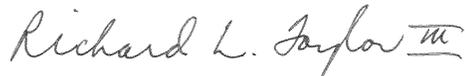
MOTION:

Councilwoman Mann made a motion at 10:33pm to close the Closed Session, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III Mayor