

Town Council Meeting
March 11, 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 and Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

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

Chesapeake City Weight Loss Challenge:

Results: Twelve people signed up and twelve people finished. Over 81.3 pounds and 83.6 inches lost in eight weeks. The penalty pot, worth \$52.00 goes to Chris, third place, \$48 to Amanda McCauly, \$ 72 seconded place to Tammy Smithers and first place to Lee Hutton for \$120.

Minutes:

Closed meetings – corrections, revised and vote next month.

Meeting February 13, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blevins to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting February 25, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Vari made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2019 Workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: Trooper Procter was in attendance and read the report for the previous month. He was also presented with a plaque and card from the Town as a Thank You for their service. The *Children at Play* signs have been installed.

Councilman Adams: Josh from Miller Environmental gave the flow summaries for the month of February. Working on an RFP for Waste Water plant; no word from MDE on consent meeting. Several sewer line blockages this week – Town Manager Bernstine updated on the blockages. Commissioner Hill asked about a rate study – probably haven't had one done in quite awhile; no rate increase in five years. Updated Planning Commission meeting; Amber Durand will be moving out of Town shortly, she has resigned from the Commission , currently asking for volunteers for the open position.

Councilman Vari –Hazards Waste Day is April 28th and a free event in the County. Flyers available in Town Hall to take, Maintenance Report from John Loveless indicates a snow and ice event, installing a new hydrant, assisting with two sewer calls and Landscaping at Becks Landing. Army Corps work – working on swale on Bank & Jackson St. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7, with April 14th rain date – in back of firehouse instead of Helen Titter Park. There have been complaints about Trash Tech starting at 630am, have reminded them to start at 7am. Notice to all residents with a number to call for special pick-ups . Special events – 21st is Social Local – this Saturday's St. Patties Day Parade – starts at 12 and the Pub Crawl starts afterward. Ordered six snowflakes for the price of four. North Side Association will be paying for three. The Town is partnering with the Drama Dept at Bohemia Manor for three nights, *The Great All American Musical Disaster* – and will be free for everyone to attend. All the concessions donated, so they will be asking for donations. Flyers will ask for non perishable items for

the food pantry. Race Flyers will be coming out. The races help off-set the costs for the Recycling Program. Yard Waste is now every Monday, it started on the 5th. Six troopers assigned to the Pub Crawl in shifts from 10a-Midnight with some overlap.

Councilwoman Mann – Façade grants are now available. The deadline to Hand in is April 30th. Reviewing the applications will be Director of Planning and Zoning in Perryville Diana Ballaglia, Betsy Venell Director of Planning and Zoning in North East, and Office Manager for Charlestown Jeanne Antoshak.

Councilman Hill – Harriett Davis gave the Historic Commission Meeting updates; At the workshop we will be discussion the Constant Yield, Council should have received a copy in their packets. Nothing new on the grants and no activity on the docks.

Rob Bernstine – Report was given with the Commissioners updates.

Valerie Walls – Updated budgets for 2018/2019 were included in your packets, please let me know if there are any questions; also in the Council packets is a copy of the check register for the first two weeks of March to see what has been paid. The Treasurers Report included lists the balances in the General Fund, The Water & Sewer Fund and the Savings Accounts.

Mayor Taylor – 28th of February – served as Principal of the Day. Would like to address the parking/stripping at the school. Instead of pulling in on a slant, change it to pulling in straight; will need to check the distance to back out; no parking on the other side of the street. Want to recognize the 180th Anniversary of the Town – workshop agenda item.

Action Items

Maryland Municipal Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the Maryland Municipal Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

Election Board

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the three remaining Election Board members, Robert Loller, Harriett Davis, Debbie Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

Striping Machine

Town Manager Rob Bernstine asked to delay the vote, they have located a manufacture to buy parts and make sure that what is needed can be purchased. Would not need until April.

Speed limit signs – Cecil and Moss Street

The intent is to reduce the speed limit to 15mph. Six signs, two on Moss, two on Cecil 300 block and two on the 400 block. The signs for *Children at Play* are installed.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion to purchase six signs, 15 mph for Cecil Street and Moss Street at \$39.79 for \$238.74, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins. Aye 4 Nay: 1 R Mann. Motion carried.

405 George Street – Webster's

Negotiated to split the cost of work done on the property in half with the resident.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to cut a check for \$1698.05 to the Webster's for sewer work done at their home. Aye: 4 Nay:0 Abstaine:1 – R Mann has done work for the owners. Motion carried.

Councilman Hill recommends to contact the town before doing any work on the Town Sewer Line, and Councilwoman Mann added even when it's on your property, in this instance, they were going in the wrong direction.

CCPS permit fee – Review fee for the new Elementary School comes to \$15,175; discussion at the workshop.

Event Application for Boat Show

Proposing to close the Pell Garden Loop, Boats in water at A,B, C docks at Chesapeake Inn and trailers and vendors in Pell Gardens, maybe bigger boats at Schaefer's docks. DJ offered to ferry people back and forth during the show. Loop blocked for the weekend. It does not seem that the neighboring business's were contacted. *Note: Tonya Lockwood will contact the Bayard House.*

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, contingent upon insurance to approve the event application for the Boat Show sponsored by the Chesapeake City Chamber, seconded by Councilman Adams. Aye: 4 Nay: 1 – Councilwoman Mann. Motion carried.

Parking for St. Pat's day Parade. Natalie Gentry has received complaints from residents not being able to see the parade because of the parking on Bohemia. She is requesting that there be no parking from 12-1pm and she will post the area on Bohemia Avenue Rain date is the following Saturday.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to restrict parking on Bohemia Avenue from 3rd Street to Pell Gardens 11am-1pm. Councilman Adams seconded. All in favor motion carried.

New Business

An Evening with the County Executive

On July 8th, starting at 5:30 a forty-five minute question and answer session.

Canal Museum - Zach Lockwood will be at the museum between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday for 5 hrs.

Weight Loss Challenge: No problems using Town Hall for weighs during April and May.

Public Comment

Resident questioned if we would be getting new containers. No and the residents are responsible for their own recycling cans. Stickers can be obtained from Town Hall or Councilman Vari.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Thanking Trooper Procter for attending the meeting.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve Gail Stevens for an open position on the Election Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Mann to place Carolyn Huddleston for the floater position on the Election Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, Councilman Adams seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor