

Town Council Meeting  
May 13, 2019

Present: 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

Mayor 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

Town Meeting April 8, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the Town Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2019 with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Council Special Session April 12, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the minutes from the Town Council Special Session April 12, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Council April 22, 2019 Public Hearing, Special Session, Workshop

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officer Memorial Day and Police Week Mayor Taylor read the Proclamation into the minutes.

National Safe Boating Week Councilman Vari read the proclamation aloud and presented it to members of the Coast Guard.

Reports

Councilwoman Blevins: Reviewed the State Police Report from last week; have been in contacted by Chief Police on in Port Deposit regarding safety matters.

Councilman Adams: Josh from Miller Environmental gave the flow summaries for both the north and south plant. No violations last month. Do not see any violations for this month. RFPs were due today. Three applications were opened at Town Hall. They will be reviewed and discussed at the workshop; Town manager gave his update on the water and sewer issues. Reviewing concept review for Schaefer's parking lot, north of Biddle Street.

Councilman Vari – Public Works- a lot of spring landscaping, nine different flower beds, congratulations to Maintenance Staff for their work. Town Manager gave an update on 301 toll meeting; Equipment will be coming in around Memorial Day Weekend for the patching and

resurfacing on Biddle Street; patching to take place as soon as possible. If anyone wants any of the plantings in the islands you can go get them now. The Town currently has the highest percentage so far for recycling. Special Events – Opening Ceremonies at Brantwood Park , while not completely finished, the county has done nice work up there. Social Local Thursday will be celebrating the first anniversary of Café on Bay and Inn on the Canal. June 3 is Election Day. Racing program is under way for the June 29 race; Sponsors are almost all in and the participants starting to register. Councilman Hill inquired about the Hazardous Waste Day: it was busy until they closed at 4 and believes they will have one next year, too. The RFP for Trash and Recycling is posted.

Councilman Hill – Bridge Loan for the water tower has been converted to a bond and payments start in July. Finance Committee meeting soon about the water & sewer rates. No activity for the Historic Commission. Capital Improvements no updates. A lot of activity at the docks.

Treasurer Valerie Walls: Council given printouts of bank balances from Howard Bank and check registers of bills paid since the beginning of May.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: Everything has been covered.

Mayor Taylor: Will be attending the meeting in Charlestown about the Opiod lawsuit and bring information back to our workshop. Mentioned to Val & Tonya to try and get addresses from the boaters to send notes/cards about visiting our town.

#### Resolution 2019.003

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve Resolution 2019.003 Establishing rates and fees for building permits, Historic Commission review, site plan review, subdivision plan review, architectural review, Board of Appeals review, stop work order, parking mitigation and Comprehensive Development Ordinance Book fees. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Proposal to perform Micro Bio Retention material sampling and testing services

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to accept the \$1200 bid from John D Hynes for the services. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Planning Seat open Seat

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept George Still, from 309 George Street and a resident for more than six years to the open seat on the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Constant Yield Tax Rate

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to keep the tax rate the same as last years, \$.4488 per \$100. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance 2019.002 An Ordinance adopting the budget of the Town of Chesapeake City for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept Ordinance 2019.002. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Paint & Repair North Sewer Plant Proposal

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to accept the quote from Maccari Companies Inc for \$15850 for the waste water tank. All in favor, motion carried.

#### New Business

##### Event Application Fusion Racing held at Chesapeake Inn

The application has the approval of the Army Corps and SHA for the event, along with the Maryland State Police. August 17, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the event application for Fusion Racing held at the Chesapeake Inn on August 17, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

##### Event Application Independence Day

Much of the event is the same as last year with the vendors, Tammy Smithers from the Chamber will be chairing this event; Same insurance as the boat show.

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the Independence Day Event Application contingent upon receiving the insurance certificate. All in favor, motion carried.

##### Event Application Inaugural Bayhead's Brewing Co 5K

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the Event Application for Bayhead's 5K on May 18, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

##### General Store Sidewalk

A brick walk instead of walking up the loop from Pell Gardens on the road

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the concept of the using the bricks for the sidewalk, extending it down past the store. All in favor, motion carried.

First Street Street Scape

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to move forward on the First Street project. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: NONE

Council Comments

Councilman Hill: Mentioned Steve Gotleigh's letter, he's moving to New York City, and wrote a very nice letter about the Town.

Town Attorney Yeager: Spent the weekend in Town as a tourist, enjoying the trails and boat rides.

Tonya Lockwood: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip coming into the Town on June 7<sup>th</sup> (June 10<sup>th</sup> is rain date) staff does not have time to do a presentation. In the past Lee Collins use to do a presentation about the day the bridge fell, but it can really be about anything you would like to present. Need to be here between 915-930a for a presentation lasting 15-20 minutes and then the kids ask questions. Mayor Taylor plans to put something together.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to go into a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and contractual issues. All in favor, motion carried.

Five Minute Recess Closed Session continues

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to hire a candidate for the Community Service Patrol that was recommended by personnel committee at the rate and hours discussed in the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to close the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III  
Mayor