

Town Council Workshop/Special Session
June 27, 2019

Present: Randy McLennan, Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Tom Yeager

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

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

Workshop

Letter of Interest for Real Estate Services – include tax map and parcel numbers per Mayor. Properties include Bridgepoint & the old water tower lot on 3rd Street. Strictly exploratory, (we balanced the budget on these numbers).

Special Session

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to go into a Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Election Results read into the minutes – 148 people on both side voted. Carolyn Blevins 79, Randy McLennan 87, Ed O'Hara 99, Frank Vari 111.

Waste Contract-with MPK – bulk of cans out tomorrow. 11 cans at ball field for only three months – a bit more this year for hosting tournaments. Number now is 392 – questioning B&Bs – resident gets one Inn at Canal – one for commercial along with Blue Max. Should council give a second can for those that have someone living there. Other small business – get one for commercial and one for residents –

Blue max had 3 – wrong to pull any of those cans, they're paying taxes and water bills.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve a one year contract with option for a one year renewal for MPK, with a total number of cans to be 395. All in favor, motion carried.

Water Operations: Contract required to submit monthly reports; the county does not do the water operations. Monthly reports to MDE – Artesian \$900, UCCG \$1185 per month. Town Manager recommends Artesian, possible reduce to \$700 per month, not needing 24 hour coverage.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion to sign for one year with Artesian for water quality program, the lowest responsible bid, seconded by Councilman O'Hara. One year contract – not locking us into a long term at \$700 rate per month.

Sewer Operations Contract Cecil County and the Town, strickly for the County to operate the facility. Minor recommendations from the Town Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the contract with minor changes. All in favor, motion carried.

General Store Sidewalk – Increase of Shipping Installation

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman McLennan to approve the additional cost of \$1627.75 to cover the cost of shipping from North Carolina. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to close the special session and go back to the workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Workshop:

Public Comment: Resident Ed Switzer question spending the money on an alley. The Mayor responded that is' more a thoroughfare with both pedestrian and vehicle interactions. Also, the Town has most of the material already and the owner will be doing the installation at his expense.

Katie Hutton: Bank Street one way for safety reasons. Road so narrow, sidewalk narrow even with the tree trimming. Asking council to reconsider it again. Sidewalk needs to be widened.

Council comments –

Councilman Vari thanking the helpers for the can count.

Tom Yeager – thanking Mayor and Council for helping him go to MML.

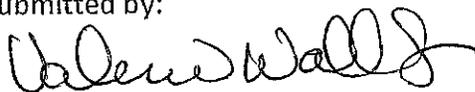
Mayor – MML quarterly dinner on July 18th at Chesapeake Inn.

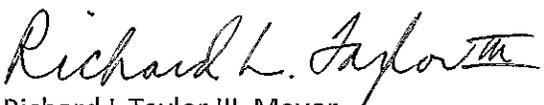
Strong Towns – how towns should grow – a lot of statistics – for structures not adaptable – focus on your existing town and improve to most extent possible – a 200K house to a 250K house – a balance with approving with you have vs. new growth. Soemthing to think about . You-tube strong towns. Town needs to attract more businesses to the Town.

Letter from Acer – a notice a proposed cell tower on Sisters property west side of 213. July 15 planning meeting with the County, Mayor sending a letter registering the towns concern and needing more info – affecting views from both sides of town. Discuss on July 8 – 530 listening session with County Executive McCarthy.

Adjourn – 8:05p.

Submitted by:


Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer


Richard L Taylor III Mayor