

Town Council Meeting  
June 10, 2019

Present: Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Frank Hill, Mayor Rich Taylor, Town Attorney Tom Yeager  
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:45pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

May 13, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2019 with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

May 13<sup>th</sup> Closed Session

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to accept the minutes from the Closed Session on May 13, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

May 28, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the minutes from the May 28, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Closed Session

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the minutes with minor corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

June 6, 2019 Special Session

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the minutes for the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Closed Session FV LA

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to accept the minutes from the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Election Results

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to have Ed O'Hara to fulfill Councilwoman's Mann's term. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to appoint the vacancy by Councilwoman Blevins to Randy McLennan. All in favor, motion carried.

*Note: The Mayor swears in Councilman O'Hara and Councilman McLennan to fulfill the open positions, expiring June 30, 2019. They both will be sworn in again at the July meeting.*

Renewal of State Police Contract

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the presented contract from Maryland State Police, – July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Aye: 4, Nay: 0, Abstaine: Councilman O'Hara abstaine, needs to know more information.

Councilman Adams – Councilman Adams read Miller Environmental’s report, Josh was not in attendance. Miller Environmental’s contract expires at the end of this month, the County will be taking over July 1, 2019. 649 Biddle had a lateral blockage, not a direct path to the main, no damage to the pipe. Another break on Mt. Nebo Road on piping that’s not really in town, but we do service them with water. Becoming a big expense to the Town, maybe assessment to those on the service. Wasn’t put in by the Town, but the Town did accept it. County does not operate water, still need to put a report in. Town Manager gave his updates, report attached to the minutes book. Planning Commission held a meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Next workshop reviewing the fence ordinances; they want to bring it up to current standards, giving the residents more options. Mayor wants them to review the parking. There are parking plans, in the preliminary stages, waiting on permits from the state and county, for Schaefer’s.

Councilman Vari – Public works – parking critical at Schaefer’s; they lost parking from the drainage repairs – 40 parking spaces. Removed islands and bump-outs, gained a few parking spots. Sometime after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Biddle will be repaved, past the Town limits, from 213 down Lock St. Asking residents to report pot holes, dark street lights call Delmarva directly; or call Town Hall and we’ll take care of it.. Parks & Rec: need a safety review on playground equipment, more attention to Helen Titter Park – it’s in a bad location, needs to be on higher ground, move it back further – the mulch will never be dry. MPK will start trash/recycling/yard waster on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the transition of cans on Jun 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Call Frank Vari or Town Hall if there’s a problem. Meeting setup after July 1, with the HS/MS Principal Zimmerman. Fireworks July 5<sup>th</sup>. Third Thursday for Locals is next week. Remember the Fire Company’s sub sale every other week and breakfasts on the first Sunday. Attend graduation at the high school with the Mayor. Racing Program (that helps fund the recycling program), all the sponsors are in, need volunteers for that day.

Councilman Hill: Welcoming our two new council people. Reminding residents that the VFW has breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Regarding the new Sewer plant, we are going back for better funding for the Town. No funding or requests for a grants person have been made. Historic – Harriet Davis gave a report from the previous Historic meeting. Docks – keeping busy.

Treasurer - Banking account balances handed out to Councilman.

Mayor – went to the Commencement Friday; hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in town with a Tour; Boater have been visiting the Town have been from Oregon, Colorado, Tennessee, Canada – all over.

#### Action items

Resolution 2019-04 for Façade Grant 2020

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the application , applying for the Façade Grant 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Cecil Street Independence Gathering.  
Between Lock & Hemphill.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the closing of Cecil Street for the Independence Gathering. All in favor, motion carried.

Helen Titter Park Cub Scout Pack 336 Rain Gutter Regatta

**MOTION:** Councilman McLennan made a motion seconded by Councilman Hill to allow the Cub Scout Pack 336 Rain Gutter Regatta in Helen Titter Park including waiving the \$25 application fee. All in favor, motion carried.

Race Event Application

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams approve the application for the Race on June 29, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Reschedule June 24<sup>th</sup> workshop to Thursday because of the MML Convention. There will be a special session to vote on the contracts.

Letter from Chesapeake Inn – unloading trucks – workshop item.

State Police gets a lot of complaints for trucks unloading at the Chesapeake Inn, it's a state road, however, if we're not here (State Police), we cannot enforce. Understands that it's a blind curb.

Councilman McLennan: EMS within the County-Response issues last 10 years have been slow, trouble getting ambulances there – CCVFC done well meets about 85% calls. The County based on stats will interject paid EMTs – help drive the ambulances, CCVFC accepted it, having a response in 6 minutes. 24hrs a day and volunteers on the weekend. Keeping people informed on what's going on. See some changes in the next month or two. Always need volunteers.

Councilman Adams – Sunday Breakfasts – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at St. Rose of Lima Church Hall.

Public Comment

Cindy Ortt wanted to know when the mosquito sprayings will start. Mayor would like to look at other options, along with Chesapeake City becoming a Bee City Designation. Personally he likes the why we are different from every other town good for business and residents. Resident wants to know when to avoid it coming in the windows at night.

Mayor welcoming Ed and Randy to Council.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

D. Valerie Walls-Clerk/Treasurer

Richard L Taylor III – Mayor