

Town Council Workshop September 23, 2019

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

Absent: Randy McClennan

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

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:35pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

New Business

Water Tower Bio Retention Pond Update

Tower is working well, the area under the tower is stone and we need to contain and treat it; hasn't worked properly since day one. It has been proposed that to repair the issues, it will cost the Town approximately \$16,000. Suggested that the Town split the cost, \$7500 in stone and labor of \$16,000.

Street Repairs for 2019

We have listed 50 items, for cracks to seal them with hot tar; haven't done it in a few years. Pot holes list will put out to bid and determine how many on each side of town and see what we can afford to do. Will start on the southside the end of October as to not interfere with work being done in October by the State. More information to follow.

Mt. Nebo Waterline Update

History of water line, unclear on how much is actual and how much is not. The most recent house built there has a well. Possibly, in 1969 Mt. Nebo ran their line to tie in. They may have tied into an old line. In 1992 the Town extended the line to the fire hydrant at the end. The town has for a period of time maintained line and it's part of the town's system. The Town Attorney will check for grounds for a Special Assessment – however the taxing authority is limited to inside Town limits. We do need a long term plan.

Public Comment: None

Council Comments

Councilman Vari: In the water bill this month will be a flyer regarding new singles steam recycling items that were not on the prior list. October 6th is Hazardous Waste Day; 28th dedicating Craig Memorial in Cecilton at 10am. Cecil County Census meeting next Monday – if interested in helping, it is a paid position. Maryland Day to Serve, we are seeking donations of food clothing, toys; Bring a non-perishable items to the next meeting. Donations are down by approximately 35%.

~~Councilman McClennan:~~ Taste of Chesapeake City at the Fire House Oct 5th – show up, kiss some babies, shake some hands -parade line starts at noon, parade to begin at one.

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Special Session:

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to go into a Special Session for the purpose of a Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session:

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Hara to go into a Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to adjourn the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Back into Special Session

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the split of the Contractors Amount for work to be done at the Bio Retention Pond. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Manager Bernstine: Questioned on whether to continue with the Newsletter. A lot of time is spent on it and it's frustrating trying to get content from the Councilmen and Mayor. Discussion to continue it; members will try to more timely.

Commissioner Hill: Forgot to mention, Howard Bank closing the Elkton branch, and will only have a local branch in Rising Sun. Considering a move to APGFU.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to adjourn the Special Session at 8:07pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III
Mayor