

Town Council Workshop/Special Session/Closed Meeting
October 28, 2019

Present: Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Thomas Yeager
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Val Walls
Absent: Randy McLennan

Mayor Richard Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

New Business

Holiday Open House December 5th.

Cutting back the food, will not ask for donations. Food purchased from restaurants.

Water Rate Options

Discussion of three different options (worksheets) Resolution Nov 14th, public hearing on 25th vote on 25th. Straw vote of a or B = most favor B. Option B with possible of Opt C

Christmas Market Biergarten

Beer in Pell Gardens, Tastings in the Festival area December 7th. Will need an Emergency Ordinance, using the one we had for Canal Day. Bayheads has an off-site permit several times a year for the beer that is made in Chesapeake City. Event runs from 10a-7p. Setup by 930am per contact

Public Comment

Ed Switzer questions on when the Capital Improvements would be paid? (40 year bond).

Do we have the highest water & sewer rates in the state? (We are no long the highest – in line with Cecilton, below Rising Suns rates).

Are we required to go into the county sewer plants? No – Mayor argues old plants are failing. Own the plant in our Town limits – not subservient to another town or county. We can dictate the terms.

Otherwise we would be a suburb of Elkton with no say in how we grow. This plant is central to how we grow as a town.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor: National First Responders Day. Thanking Councilman McLennan, and John Loveless for their volunteering at the Fire Department.

Councilman Hill: - Stop work-order been removed at 209 Bohemia. Staff did not remove, there's a – county demo to clean up. Waiting to hear if they have the county work-order. Maybe a fine involved. Garbage cans in HTP have not been emptied.

Special Session

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

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to go into a Closed Session, to discuss purchasing Town Property. All in favor, motion carried.

5 minute recess

Closed the Closed Session

Motion made in Closed Session

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Council Vari to have Town Attorney contact Wendy Webb a title abstractor he's used in the past, to determine information about the properties; (attached are maps and parcels). All in favor, motion carried.

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

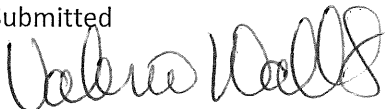
Workshop

MML has designed a fill able letter regarding proposed legislation limiting the municipalities. Will have Mayor sign and applied to the petition.

Adjourn

Workshop ended at 8: 32pm.

Submitted



Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor