

## Town Council Workshop/Public Hearing/Special Session November 25, 2019

Present: 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  
Absent: Randy McLennan

### Public Hearing

Emergency Ordinance 2019.003 Alcohol in Pell Gardens for Christmas Market.

Sworn in Greg Sheldon the creator of Poplar Hall, Charlie Copeland owner of Bay Head Brewery.

Charlie Copeland: Wants to have a prescreens at the market as their beer is a craft beer; Liquor Board recognizes their license with State of Maryland.

No public comment

Mayor closed the public hearing for Emergency Ordinance 2019.003

### Water/Sewer Rates 2 Options

Councilman McLennan was not able to attend, a letter was read from him by the Mayor.

Will vote at the December voting session

### Public Comment

Gwen Clayton: how much it's going to be raised.

It's estimated that for a family of 3, around \$11 crease.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine wants the committee to meet again. It was noted that the water only out of town customers have only been billed the regular base instead of the 1 ½ base; this affects about 15 homes.

The Public Hearing for Water Rates has been closed.

### Special Session:

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve Emergency Ordinance 2019.003, permitting the possession and consumption of alcohol in Pell Gardens. All in favor, motion carried.

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

### Old Business

Radar Signs 0 Traffic Logic Update.

We have 3 of the Radar signs with one not working. Traffic Logix will be sending someone down in Feb/March to take a look of them at no cost. Jesses Cloud is researching other signs without the bells and whistles.

### Cell Tower Appeal

ATT is appealing west side of the bridge ruling, going to Circuit Court . Councilman Adams, Vari and Mayor Taylor attended a meeting with residents about the location of the tower. A group of non-residents will be getting an attorney to re-file with the courts about the location of the tower. Mayor and Council will send their letter about the location to the Cecil County Board of Appeals.

### Public Comment:

Susie Webster: There is a petition, in multiple locations, against the location of the tower, please sign, and print your name, address, signature & date.

Ed Schweitzer: When is the Holiday Open House? Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

Bob Miller: Thanking the council for passing the ordinance. Glad to see Bayhead's presence in town.

Cindy Ortt: Hasn't seen the State Police; Bob Miller assured her they are in town, he's been stopped. Their schedule has been pushed back to later in the evening.

Greg Shelton: Thanking Jesse & Tonya and the Council for their support for this event.

#### Council Comments

Councilman Vari: Residents have been happy with the paving on Biddle Street – its not quite finished and they have to clean the edges; after Thanksgiving the final striping, center reflectors. New Year's Day Run has 40 sponsors, 25 people signed up. Shirts available for \$15. Race begins between Second and Third Street on Bohemia at Noon. Next Sunday is the Tree Lighting by the Lions Club. Thanks to John, Jesse and Zach for putting up the Crab Pot Tree.

Councilman Hill : Wants Council to keep an open mind regarding a new pipeline on Mt. Nebo: we've spent almost \$30,000 working on the old line. Hoping to have bids at the next meeting

Councilman O'Hara: Thanking Greg for his efforts, it's nice to see others about the town with solid ideas and putting them into action.

Town Attorney Tom Yeager: Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: There will be Street Sweeping on Wednesday; A lot of holiday lights set up; thanking volunteers that helped.

Tonya Lockwood: Thanks to Greg, this has been the easiest event she's been part of. Up-date on the next Funding for Façade Grant : applied for \$100K and we were granted \$25,000. It has put a boom into the zoning meetings.

Mayor Taylor: Cecilton's Holiday Open House is same date as ours this year.


Staff: Our tree for the CACS is up to Christmas tree \$275 as of Saturday; A lot of good comments and a huge success. Town Hall is a drop off for Toys for Tots.

Workshop adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by:



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