

Town Council Meeting
January 13, 2020

Present: Randy McLennan, Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara (6:40p)
Town Attorney Tom Yeager
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

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

Minutes

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion seconded by Councilman Hill, to approve the minutes with a name correction. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstaine : R McLennan-absent from meeting

Reports:

Councilman Adams: - No meeting for Planning Commission, however the Zoning Administrator did approve three applications. There was a water break on George Street yesterday that has been repaired.

Councilman Hill: gave the updates for the bank accounts, no Historic Meeting for December.

Councilman McLennan: Gave the 2019 stats for the year, included in the Minutes Book.

Councilman O'Hara: Nothing to report

Councilman Vari: Public Works: SHA road report submitted, met with the Corp., Reviewed items from the Town Managers report. Fixing curb where the buses can get out easier, 2nd St past the Chesapeake Inn and on Biddle St will be getting some sort of reflectors to light up at night; waste management meeting at land fill. There are additional items for recycling bins, will have new flyer. Currently the only yard waste is Christmas trees for Monday pick up. Frank and the CCEA are collecting artificial trees & trains for Bible School. Mosco Lights will have the same sale as last year on snowflakes, buy two get one free. Will meet with the Northside Association and the Volunteer Fire Company. Vote on in February, planning on \$500+ a piece plus shipping, exact prices at workshop. Lions Club will try to strip down and refurbished ten snowflakes. The Racing program is doing extremely well; New Years Day Race had 250 registered, netting approximately \$6900 this year. Working on the 12th race for June. Special Events : MML dinner meeting Havre de Grace, spoke with the delegation regarding two letters to be discussed later; Congratulating Tonya Lockwood for graduating from the Academy for Excellence of Local Government with her Fellowship. MD Day to Serve, 9-11 service, Clean up day, Clothing, Toys event, Certificates were handed out to the Town, Tonya Lockwood, Jesse Cloud, John Loveless, Zach Timchula , Jason Proctor Maryland State Police, Gale and Robert Stevens. Conquer the Bridge III a fun run, information has been sent into the Corps for approval for the first Saturday in October. There will be no rain date for the race. Attended Annapolis Day with the Mayor and Town Attorney. Councilman Hill mentioned that the students that helped in the 5K also need recognition.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine – Most of his information has been covered in the past reports. He also met with Amber Durand to get moving on open properties for sale in Town.

Mayor Taylor: thanked the Town Attorney for driving to the Annapolis for Cecil Day. Will also be judging the science fair at the school this week.

Action Items

Personnel Policies and Procedures Manuel

Items highlighted in red show the changes from the last Employment Committee Meeting.

Councilman Adams questioned drug testing procedures; need procedures for a positive test, also need language that states we are able to drug test. MML have templates for this kind of wording.

Open spot on Historic – Kelly Copeland

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman McLennan to approve Kelly Copeland for the open spot on the Historic Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Introducing Ordinance No. 2020-002 Code Enforcement Ordinance

Introducing Ordinance No. 2020-001 to amend Section 4.3 Historic Area District, Section 5.1 Dimensional requirements, the definition section, and the Architectural design, Standards section of the Chesapeake City Comprehensive Development Ordinance.

- Add removing ladder from above ground pools – Section 5.1.3 Section C 2.
- Or a fence for safety reasons.

New Business

Public Boat Ramp-Corp wants to shut the boat ramp down, they are unable to police on the weekend. Town may take over if funding is available from DNR. More information needed.

State Park Letter –The Town requesting that the Ben Cardin Trail be established as a Maryland State Park, being sent to Kevin B Hornberger Legislative District 35A.

MOTION: Councilman McLennan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to send the letter as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Letter – Amendment to the Local Government Section of the Annotated Code of Maryland

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to send the letter as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bayhead’s Brewing – Request that during St Patrick’s Day to be able to serve in Town.

This will be their Second Anniversary Weekend. Have not spoken to any business about setting up on their property yet. Council is requesting something in writing. There is the option to lease out Becks Landing.

Prior Business

Cell Tower Update – AT&T proposes moving the tower to NW location, closer to Long Creek , new location will screen the compound by the trees. It is believed the tower would be more prominent than what is pictured in the handouts. AT&T would like to schedule a meeting with the group to include County Representatives.


Update on Property Deeds-Town Attorney has spoken to Wendy Webb, will have more information at the workshop.

Public Comment –

Gale Stevens –does not want the tower under any conditions. Hearing date Mar 19th at 130pm at the county for the review of the tower.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III, Mayor