

## **Town Council Workshop/ Closed Session August 24, 2020**

Present: Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Tom Yeager  
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Val Walls, Admin Asst Jesse Cloud

Absent: Randy McLennan

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

William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award – Susie Campbell

Councilman Vari spoke a bit about the award, he was also nominated for the award. The link is on the website (technical difficulties, unable to view on Facebook Live).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on Safety Committee

There were several submissions; Commissioner McLennan will review and a committee will be select by the Mayor and himself. Plan to meet in September.

- Street Fair on evening of Fireworks

Chamber looking to hold street fair that would be set up the night of the fireworks. Five vendors including a funnel cake stand, Kona Ice, pizza, an inflatable for the kids and porta potties. Inflatable has their own the sanitization procedures. Will be placed between First and Second Street as not to obstruct the fireworks viewing. Will start blocking traffic around 2p, the fair starts at 4p, basically a repeat of what we've done in the past.

Encouraging people to wear masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. Town will make signs for both sides of Town and post information on website regarding social distancing. Councilman Vari questioned parking on the levees; will need to contact the ACOE. Part of the grass hasn't been cut and the concrete barrier will need to be moved. Will also need to set up a light tower.

- Parks & Trails

- Street Scape-almost ready to go out to bid; bid package included in the minutes along with construction plans
- Safe Routes to School-working through bid package with the State, will use the line of credit to do in sequence.
- Helen Titter Restroom-completed and Jesse Cloud was a big help. Final inspection will be completed this week. Spoke with the cleaners for Town Hall and they will be cleaning the restroom. We plan to keep it closed through the winter. Mayor Taylor mentioned the Havre de Grace one is open year-round. Town Manager will check with other towns. There is no heat because we had planned to close it up for the winter. Questioning Council on how many days a

week to keep it open, 5 or 7? Councilman Hill felt it should be open for the fireworks in September. People are over there on the weekends.

- Lee Hutton Life Celebration

September 19<sup>th</sup> Begins at 11am and should last about an hour. Katie Hutton (wife) wants to keep it upbeat and jovial. There will be a band from 12p-2pm. She wants people to relax, dance and enjoy themselves; share happy memories of Lee.

#### New Business

##### Public Works New

- Helen Titter Tree Removal-two tree proposals several dead trees; around basketball court and far side of the park. Second tree proposal, Heartwood Landscaping said it needed to come down. Bid #2 will be looked at again, seems high at \$4200. Bid #3 seems reasonable. Vote in September.
- Paving & Patches-Bid from Squires, mill and pave on Ferry Slip, 1<sup>st</sup> Street paving, Vote in September
- Sidewalk connecting pieces- Vote in September

##### Public Comment-None

##### Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman O'Hara: Thanking Town Hall for the work done with the Farmers Market, it has come together nicely and has been supported by both the residents and community.

Councilman Vari: Congratulating Councilman O'Hara for the success of the Farmers Market. Reminding Council of the AT&T meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete your Census 2020 so Cecil County gets their fair share.

Mayor Taylor: Thanking Val for the boaters list, we've had visitors from Georgia, Florida, South Dakota, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, US Virgin Islands and Canada. Echoing congratulations to Councilman O'Hara, the Farmers Market is off to a great start; thanking him for all of his work. Congratulations to Councilman Vari for representing the Town for the Recycling Program; Top Recycling Town for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, (North East is right behind us.) Councilman Vari mentioned that the Landfill used a picture of our bridge as a back-drop for the awards.

**SPECIAL SESSION INTO A CLOSED SESSION**

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

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to go into a Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**SPECIAL SESSION**

No action taken and Council received legal advice for First Amendments issues.

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

**WORKSHOP**

Councilman Adams wants to make sure signs for parking during the fireworks so no one parks to where they would get boxed in.

**Adjourn 8:02pm**

Respectfully submitted:

D. Valerie Walls

Richard L. Taylor, III