

Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing
August 10, 2020
Zoom Meeting Agenda

Present: Randy McLennan, 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

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

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to open into a Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2020-005 An Ordinance permitting the possession and consumption of alcohol on Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and around the Rees Wharf Road loop on the day of the "Barktoberfest" Event.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- Town Council Meeting July 13, 2020

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the minutes with corrections. All in Favor, motion carried.

- Town Council Closed Session July 13, 2020 – the next voting session

- Town Council Workshop/Special Session July 27, 2020

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman McLennan to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

- Town Council Closed Session July 27, 2020

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

- Commissioner Adams: Planning Commission met on August 5, Board of Appeals meeting this week for 11 Bohemia Avenue. A sub-committee for signs has also met and working on the that section. Under Water & Sewer, there is a big hole on First Street, storm water pipe had collapsed. It is being replaced at this time. Another leak on Mt Nebo yesterday. It was patched, not that far from another patch we recently did. Bids for the New Wastewater Plant came in over what we anticipated. The lowest responsible bid is still under review. Town Attorney mentioned that Wickersham was doing the Sudlersville plant and is in litigation for several years now. Towns portion of the bill is 1.5-2 million.

- Commissioner Hill: Read the account balances, updated the latest Historic Commission meeting.
- Commissioner McLennan: Reviewed the numbers from the State Police Report.
- Commissioner O'Hara: First Farmers Market will be Friday, 4p-7p in Becks Landing and Parking lot at Town Hall; will run for 7 weeks and estimated with vendors is 15.
- Commissioner Vari: The Public Works job at 346 Biddle job is finished. Contacted SHA and met in Town to review issues. The State will not allow speed bumps on George Street and the rumble strips are not traffic calming. Cameras can be approved for school zone and work zone. Commissioner will be at the Landfill on Friday to accept our award for #1 Town Recycler. MPK will also be getting her first award as top Hauler. In their newsletter (Landfill) they changed what is recyclable. Vendors have been changed and at this point he's not accepting what the previous vendor did. Anyone wants to go on Friday at 2p, they're welcome. Parks & Rec – restroom has been installed. There is a speed bump in front of the Caleb's (Biddle Street) we put in around 20 years ago, neighbors agreeable to having it removed because of the noise of the trucks make in the middle of the night. Events – Census extended to September 30th. Maybe extend to the end of October. The AT&T hearing is now set for Tuesday September 1st at 1:30pm. Hazard Waste day is October 4, 2020, from 730a-3p and is a free event. Has been in contact with Health Officer discussing our events, Conquer the Bridge, Taste of the Chesapeake and Fireworks. Her recommendations are to avoid any large events. Signs put up for social distancing, sanitation stations and monitors to go around to sanitize the food court area when each party leaves after their meal. The Health Department is requesting a plan of what will be done. For they races you have to wear a mask while running; Commissioner doesn't feel he can manage the safety of those people; he is proposing to postpone the Conquer the Bridge Race until October 2, 2021, and possibly do New Year's Day Race virtually. We are on track for fireworks; will be installing hand sanitizing stations.
- Rob Bernstine, Town Manager mentioned we were lucky to avoid the hurricanes.
- Valerie Walls, Treasurer
- Mayor Rich Taylor commenting on Middletown and Summit Bridge area sustaining major damage and roads are still closed. We are very fortunate. Thanking Council for the amount of work that Council does behind the scenes; Council is working on your behalf as volunteers. Ghost Walk trailer for Halloween is on Poplarhall.us.

Action Items

Ordinance 2020-005 An Ordinance permitting the possession and consumption of alcohol on Bohemia Avenue, north of First Street and around the Rees Wharf road loop on the day of the "Barktoberfest" Event.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-005, seconded by Councilman McLennan. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business-None

Old Business-None

Public Comments-None

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman McLennan mentioned as a kid growing up in Titter Park, commending the Council for the restroom. It's a great addition. It's a great park and dedicated to a wonderful woman.

Town Attorney congratulated the Town for having the Farmer's market and the new restroom.

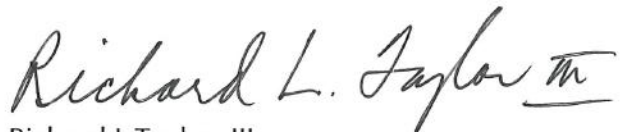
Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor, III
Mayor