

**Town Council Workshop/Closed Session  
November 23, 2020**

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Lee Adams, Frank Vari, 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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Cell Tower update-further information in Closed Session, Judge reversed the judgment of the Board of Appeals, sending it back to the board to approve

**NEW BUSINESS**

Salt Box-discussion of three sizes, will vote at the December meeting.

Charter Amendment Resolution – Amending the Town Charter for the Purpose of Removing the Requirement That the Town Publish a Fair Summary of An Adopted Ordinance in a Newspaper of General Circulating, Unless Specifically Required by State Law, and Adding Other Methods of Publication.

Town Attorney wants to further review before presented to Council. Will introduce at the December 2020 meeting.

Town Hall Christmas Party- recommend not having because of the Covid pandemic

Fireworks 2021-are we going to have them? 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a Sunday. Mayor wants us to plan and then adjust if needed. By not planning will make it harder to get a date in the summer. Keep it on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a rain date of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Street Sweeping**

Two Mondays left of yard waste pickup -until the 14<sup>th</sup> December. The maintenance staff will pick up leaves with the vacuum and then schedule the street sweeping. Councilman Vari will work with the Town Manager and then contact Certified Seal.  
*Note: Street sweeping to be December 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of December 9<sup>th</sup>.*

Christmas Market – Covid concerns Scheduled December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tonya has spoken with Greg and believes the Market is still a go; two recent press conferences by the Governor are not prohibiting it. Town Attorney mentioned that the Markets are still going on in Chestertown. Councilman Vari believes it's a risk. We need monitors to go around making sure people are both wearing masks and social distance guidelines are being observed. Have only one direction with monitors and sanitation stations in the area. There is a hotline to call if people aren't following directions.

There will be signs posted requiring masks based on the Governor's authority. Minimum marketing because of the Covid, and possibly cancelling it. If Greg can organize that will meet protocols, it can go on with the ability to keep people safe. Town Manager will be contacting the Health Officer in the County to see what protocols have to adhere to.

Public Comment-None

Mayor and Council Comments: Happy Thanksgiving from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor – Public Safety committee had a good productive first meeting. Outlining issues are capture, at the December meeting a better

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to go into a Special Session for the purpose of going into a Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilman Vari made a motion seconded by Councilman Hill to open into a Closed Session to also include discussion of the Court Decision of the Cell Tower. All in favor, motion carried.

#### CLOSED SESSION

To obtain legal advice from the Attorney regarding sale of Town Property and Contractual Issues And discussion of the Court Decision of the Cell Tower.

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

Into the special Session, the meeting to go LIVE on Facebook at 9:18pm

**MOTION:** Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to all the Town Manager and Mayor to submit offers on the Town's Properties based on the amounts discussed in the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hill made a motion to close the Special Session at 9:19pm. Councilman Adams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Workshop

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted:

  
D. Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Richard L Taylor, III Mayor