

Town Council Workshop Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Todd Greco, Frank Vari, Lee Adams, Ed O'Hara, Tonya Lockwood (staff), Rob Bernstine (staff), Tom Yeager (attorney)

Absent:

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Discussion Items:

Old Chesapeake City Elementary School Property

The County is estimating an 8-to-9-month process to correct an issue with the survey. Rich and Rob met with a private Christian School that had some interest, however, the building may not be large enough to grow with them. Amber Durand and Earl Robinson, from Ward, spoke about some interest in the property, however, he has some concerns with the asbestos issues among a few others. If his concerns could be put at ease, he is willing to spend the funds to put together a proposal with parking, community/business center, and possibly a small boutique hotel. A resident in attendance feels that the Town should put together a list of what we would like to see there and put out a Request for Proposal. The Town does not necessarily need to be the sole owner, or even an owner at all. Rich and Ed propose that we, the Town, create a small committee to develop an RFP.

COVID Funds

The provided guidance is frustrating and difficult to follow. We need to submit a report to the state by the end of April of any funds spent thus far. Rob took a stab at a quick sheet (see attached). There is a small amount that can go toward covering lost revenue or our extra trash costs, but it is a very limited amount. We will contact KCI to assist us in weeding through this guidance. Water/Sewer is our main service, and we should look to that first and foremost.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Comments:

Lee- Are we taking the lights down this week? Yes, we are planning to take them down ASAP. They were up for the Cecil Lights, Winter Nights Campaign from Cecil County Tourism.

Frank V.- Frank had an example of the Hometown Hero's Banner. We are still working on the criteria for banners to be hung. Carla is creating a map of what poles are going to be used. VFW will own and maintain the banners. Yard Waste resumes March 7.

Rich- Rich will send us the latest proposed ferry schedule from DJ. It is separated into the spring, summer, and fall seasons. If anyone is interested in attending MML please let us know.

Rob- We sent Kelly Benson, of Fin, the bike rental contract for his review. Bloosurf stopped by today to discuss an additional WiFi internet service for our area.

Special Session:

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Ed O’Hara to enter the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session:

Motion: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Lee Adams to enter the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Session:

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Todd Greco to enact the items discussed in the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion: Frank Hill made a motion, seconded by Lee Adams to adjourn the Special Session at 8:45 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Rich Taylor, Mayor