

Town Council Workshop Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

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

Absent: Ed O'Hara

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Discussion Items:

508 Second Street Easement

An application for the demolition and reconstruction of the structure at 508 Second Street has been submitted to the Planning Commission. The existing porch on the ally side is currently encroaching onto Town Property. The plan is to construct a new structure on the existing footprint, which would mean the porch would still encroach on Town Property. The Town has in the past given easements, agreed upon a lease, and has done a few quick claim deeds in these situations. Tom brought up that the NW corner is possibly on State Highway property, if that portion is removed from the proposed plan, then that is not an issue, and no further review is needed. The Planning Commission is seeking concurrence from Council that permission would be given for the encroachment. Town Council has no concerns with moving forward with what has been presented. Tom shall draft a license.

Hometown Hero Banner Update

Rob and Frank have met with Karla McClellan and have submitted a Summary of their progress (attached). The Town is in the process of submitting the application to Delmarva, we are currently waiting on the pole numbers and locations from Karla. The current plan for the duration of the banners to be left on the poles is three years, but this is flexible, and a shorter amount of time can be discussed. Further discussion shall be needed for the length of time they are up and how many are up at a time. Council seems to like a seasonal approach rather than simply leaving them for an extended period. One idea is to possibly time them with the installation and removal of the snowflakes. Another option would be from April through September and to also include some American Flags among the banners to make it more festive. Council seems to favor 10 or so banners in a purposeful location rather than 20 banners placed randomly per side. Rob, Todd, and Frank will meet to try to get exact locations.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Frank Vari – Cecilton is hosting the Quarterly MML Dinner, please let Tonya know if you would like to attend. Prime 225 Deck will be removed by 5 pm on Monday, April 4, 2022. April 24 is Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Cecil County Landfill from 7 am – 3:30 pm. There is a Color Run on April 1, 2022, at the Old Elem School Property.

Lee – Budget Committee needs to meet ASAP.

Frank Hill – There was a Veteran’s Memorial Tree by the flagpole on the North Side in the past and it has been stolen a few times. He would like another lit tree placed there in memoriam of the Veterans.

Rob – The state has realized that the Elementary School has moved, and it may affect our Safe Routes to School Grant Funding.

Tom – He and his wife enjoyed the St. Paddy’s Day Parade and the shops. He thought the Town looked great!

Special Session:

Motion: Todd Greco made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to enter the Special Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session:

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

Special Session:

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

Special Session Adjourn:

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to adjourn the Special Session at 8:18 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Rich Taylor, Mayor