

Town Council Workshop Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2025

Present: Mayor Rich Taylor, Sarah Ford-Ferrara, Hunter Dann, Frank Vari, Lee Adams, Ed O'Hara, Tonya Lockwood (staff), Rob Bernstine (staff), Tom Yeager (attorney), Brian Hunsberger (staff)

Absent:

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

Discussion Items:

Former Elementary School Property

Rob took the deed to Cecil County to be recorded this afternoon. The keys to the building were officially turned over to the Town on Friday, February 14, 2025, during a ceremony including the County Executive and Mayor Rich Taylor. Rob has begun setting up meetings with 4 interested developers for early to mid-March. Some of those meetings are with parties that were previously interested, but the projects are not necessarily the same as they were before. Tom is continuing to work on quit claiming the un-deeded property areas located along the edges.

Former Elementary School Property Athletic Field Usage

The Jr. Football Team has reached out asking about the usage of the field space. They need an answer ASAP because if they are unable to use the space, they will need time to find other options. They hold liability insurance and will have the Town named insured. We should write something up that gives us an out should any development begin prior to their season ending.

WWTP Operations Agreement

Cecil County Public Works has sent a draft of the 2025 Agreement for the operations of our WWTP. They made a few minor, unsubstantial changes to the document text; however, they did lower their hourly rate by a bit less than one dollar.

New Computers

The current computers used by staff are using Windows 10, which will no longer be supported by Microsoft starting in October. New computers will be needed by then, as the unsupported ones leave us at risk of security threats like cyber-attacks or malware.

Signs

This was tabled at the February Council Meeting, as Brian and Hunter were not in attendance. They tried to focus on directional signage for parking and the large municipal sign. These would cost approximately \$1,700.00 for all the proposed signs. Brian feels we have the funds in our Public Works budget.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Brian – Yearly audit is complete. Sip and Stroll was a huge success. Lots of volunteers, it was great to see!

Hunter – Ian Mingle is our new State Trooper Liaison and he will be here at our March Meeting.

Sarah – Both of the electric vehicle charging stations are not working. Rob will reach out to Delmarva.

Frank – Easter Egg Hunt April 5 at 10 am, rain date April 12. Cub Scouts will be at our next meeting to receive a certificate of appreciation. Lee and Frank will host his family for a celebration for the ship wheel on Sat., March 1. The City of New Orleans may be interested in the large gallian light display. Brian is in contact with them on the possible purchase.

Lee – Thanks to the Town Staff for assisting with getting his 1099.

Ed – Thanks to Staff and the Chamber for the volunteering for the Sip and Stroll.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Lockwood

Richard L. Taylor, III, Mayor