

# CHESAPEAKE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Geracimos at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilpersons Elaine Shepard, Harry Sampson and Ron Francis were sworn in.

Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Vari for work done under administration of Frank Hill as Mayor. .

Appointment of Vice-Mayor

**MOTION:** Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to appoint Rich Taylor as Vice Mayor. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Rich Taylor abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from Town Council Meeting June 11, 2012

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to approve the minutes of June 11, 2012. Aye: 2 Nay: 0 Bert Wells, Harry Sampson, Elaine Shepard abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from Town Council Meeting June 13, 2012

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to approve the minutes of June 13, 2012. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Elaine Shepard and Harry Sampson abstained. Motion carried.

## I. Action Items

A. Extension Request of Waiver of sewer and Water Rents

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion to extend the waiver of sewer and water rents for 626 Biddle Street, for six months or until occupancy permit is received, whichever comes first. Rich Taylor seconded. Aye: 4 Nay: Bert Wells. Motion carried.

## II. Commissioners' Reports

A. Ron Francis

Public Works – Water/Sewer Status – Noise – Revitalization

Rob Penman gave the Artesian report for month of June; On-going reports for water and sewer will be at the first workshop of the month. Sidewalk repairs that were previously approved have not started, because the contractor has not shown up. On the 17<sup>th</sup> the Town will receive a recycling award at the County. Several noise complaints have been turned in. Heartwood trimming trees on Bohemia Avenue tomorrow. Received final easement to start the water line connections on the north side.

B. Bert Wells

Public Safety – Charter – Ethics – Tourism - Revitalization

“Your Speed Sign” is currently on Lock Street and we have seven plates to move it around town; Trying to put it near speed limit signs. It does get attention. Police report given by Cpl Leas. Will be meeting with the Sheriff’s Department to review concerns discussed by the residents. Working with Sandra for kayaking launch. The Tourism Committee asked for Town slogans and have narrowed the selection down to 10. Tourism is working on “Chesapeake City Money” Program; Met with a company that is interested in renting bicycles. MDP said money out there for bike programs. Vintage baseball games are coming to Chesapeake City .

*Harriett Davis:* Civic association does give bikes out for free. Has 5 or 6 bikes for use in Franklin Hall. More discussion at the Tourism Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

C. Rich Taylor

Historic – Financial – Revitalization.

D. Harry Sampson

Public Relations – Little League – Chamber - Revitalization

Fireworks a great hit, lots of families and a lot of work done by the Chamber. Best PR we can get. Little League 9-10 YO won District 5 and is on their way to the state champions. Junior boys are playing for District Championship tonight.

E. Elaine Shepard Parks & Recreation - Docks – Revitalization  
Finger docks power washed & treated. Long dock has been too busy to be stained. New ladder for down by Becks Landing has been installed along with new motions for the Ferry Dock.

#### Office Reports

- a. Sandra Edwards Project Coordinator  
Mayor introduced Sandra as the Project Coordinator/Grants Writer. Started work last week and has been slammed with works. Her weekly reports are forwarded to the Mayor.
- b. Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer  
RFP for Bond Council has been posted along with the employment ad for Project Manager. Waiting on bank statements to complete the year end reports.
- c. Dean Geracimos Mayor –  
Re-organizing the previous Town Administrator office into two work stations; getting Sandra up to date; met with staff and evaluations will be given every six months with job descriptions. Will be changing the greetings for the phone. Artesian & Delmarva did an awesome job with the storms we've encountered. Asking Council to recruit three residents to work on the revitalizing of our Town.

#### F. Old Business

- a. Update on 5K Event on June 30, 2012  
This should have been the biggest one yet, however with the storm some of the runners were not able to make it in time. We did well for the Ecumenical Council – over 200 pounds of food and \$200 cash and gift cards. Runners, donations and shirt sales totaled \$3617.50 net profit from the race.
- b. Property purchase for a new sewer plant –Water & Sewer Workshop
- c. MOU/MOA with Board of Education – talked to Mr. Wien and they are already to go and will vote on 7/17 at 2 pm. At that voting meeting, the recycling award will be awarded to the Town; Asked Frank Hill and Frank Vari to accept that award.
- d. MDE Letter – Elaine did some changes – it's been signed and sent out?
- e. WiFi Service – July Workshop
- f. Solar Panels on the Sewer Plant & Little League – July Workshop  
Possible areas at Little League for solar panels; Sandra to investigate more.
- g. Car Show August 26<sup>th</sup>  
The Mayor assured the churches in no way as a Town would we interfere with their services or their parking.

#### G. New Business/Discussion

- a. Introducing Ordinance 7.9.2012 Rental Ordinance  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. Town Attorney will pull fees out of the ordinance and prepare a resolution indicating the fees. Corrections needed on the last page.

#### H. Public Comment & Announcements (not verbatim)

**Frank Hill:** Ship traffic website is accessible by the public for large ship traffic going through the canal, Marine Traffic.com

**Mr. Bobby:** Water usage & price of water – to be discussed in future?

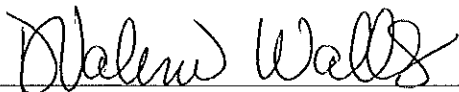
*Note: Water and Sewer issues will be discussed on the first Monday of the month at 6:30.*

**Frank Hill:** Attended MML Summer Convention, the Chamber of Commerce had a Town display in the Main Street area. It was very nice display and Natalie Gentry and Lisa Hutton deserve a vote of thanks for manning the booth and encouraging people to visit our Town. Thank you for a quick resolution regarding the Lions Club Car Show.

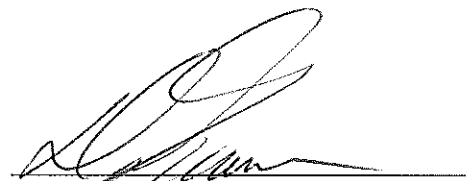
**Mayor Geracimos:** inviting public to come to the first meeting of month for the Revitalization Plan for town. *Note: Because of the Public Hearing on the Rental Ordinance, the Revitalization Plan will be shown at the August Workshop, August 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion seconded by Elaine Shepard to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



D. Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos  
Mayor