

Chesapeake City Town Council Meeting  
January 14, 2013

Harry Sampson, Ron Francis, Bert Wells, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Rich Taylor, Elaine Shepard  
Town Attorney Tom Yeager

Minutes December 10, 2013

**MOTION:** Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to approve the minutes from December 10, 2013. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: Ron Francis, Elaine Shepard abstaining because they were absent. Motion passed.

Minutes December 17, 2013

**MOTION:** Rich Taylor made a motion ES seconded by Elaine Shepard to approve the minutes from the Special Session held December 17<sup>th</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**Action Items**

- A. Ordinance 12.7.2012 to authorize and empower the Town to issue and sell from time to time, one or more series of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed one million thirty thousand dollars.

**MOTION:** Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve Ordinance 12.7.2012. All in favor, motion carried.

- B. Bid Contract Award for construction for Water & Sewer Lines to Bohemia Manor

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Ron Francis to award the contact to A-Del Construction Company, Inc for up to \$1,338,696.29 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. All in favor, motion carried. *Note: two reduction savings, one for \$109,000 and \$11,000 have been discussed; there are a few other items to be discussed that could lower the amount.*

- C. Re-Appointments to Election Board: Jeffra Moore & Susan Gill

**MOTION:** Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to re-appoint Jeffra Moore and Susan Gill to the Election Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Commission Reports

**Ron Francis**

A representative from Miller gave Nov/Dec report. Commissioner Francis asked Miller to send email with recommendations for sludge haulers. Artesian gave the water report. They have completed their part of the hook-up.

Water meter replacements: getting prices for meters for the towers. Working on two zoned meters to detect leaks; Added meters beyond number for grant.

The accident claim paperwork has been submitted for the repairs on the northside.

Commissioner Francis showed the final sample for street signs. We will write a check for half the invoice and we can order them in the morning. Noise meter has been replaced and calibrated. Warranty was extended an extra year if kept calibrated.

**Bert Wells**

Cpl Leas gave report from the Sheriff's Department. *(That report is filed in the minutes book.)* Council question why a report was not filed regarding the theft of cords to the lighted crabs. Treasurer will check to see what the cost to replace is. *(Note: Theft totaled \$152.29)*

Discussion of the light boxes that were flooded out during an unusual high tide.

Tourism – small December meeting, meets third Thursday of the month. 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend. Discussing a Freedom walk and plans for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Will start on work with Sandra for an Arts and Entertainment District. Planning a meeting with local artists and see what their interest is. Newsletter was mailed out separately from the water bill.

**Rich Taylor**

Historic Commission continues their sidewalks discussion. The first choice by far is concrete paver bricks installed by church and parking lot. Most like the look of them, the fact that they can be taken up and reset for utility work is also a plus. The Historic Commission dislikes the red brick stamped concrete. It fades and is a fake appearance, seems tacky. In terms of stretching dollars, it was discussed widening existing sidewalks with paver bricks. Elkton & Middletown have done it. Down the road it can be replaced later.

**Harry Sampson**

Nothing to report with the Chamber or Public Relations. Little League registrations are not open. Continued work on solar panels at the waste water treatment plant. Will be setting up a meeting with the Mayor and Mr. Riggs. 2-3 acres are needed to set up the panels. It's a slow moving process. The Mayor has requested Commissioner Sampson review the franchise agreement the Town has with Atlantic Broadband.

**Elaine Shepard**

Winterfest lights were removed yesterday. Winterfest was a success. Will be working with Sandra to become a Tree City, USA town again. Docks are put to bed for the winter.

**Mayor Dean Geracimos**

Staff meeting to bring the staff up to date with revitalization plans. Staff doing a very good job. Working with TJ and he's getting the savings for us with the different projects. Will have reports from both TJ and Sandra – Council will receive copies. Winterfest was successful. Will need to make some adjustments. The community volunteers pitching in was incredible. The business's had much success. Wednesday meeting at 5:30 for a Winterfest exit meeting. Will be compiling all emails. Please email ideas if you can't make the meeting. Payroll is now going through ADP. Will be digging in to boat rentals Post card billing. Dig more into boat rentals.

Camera's moved around

Successful meeting with SHA & TJ. Going to SHA give presentation showing the Revitalization Plan.

**OLD Business**

**5K Frank Vari:**

Thanking volunteers and sponsors. Had 200 registered participants. Volunteer Fire Company giving directional and assistance. Net total \$4240.62, the highest by far. 200 lbs food for CCEA, \$200 in donations. Had warm-ups with Jazzercise. People from Florida, Seattle, San Diego and California visiting. Next race will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. Been getting more interest for another Bridge walk. Will be getting with Tourism to schedule. On a personal note, thanking friends for emails, phones, letters, card regarding his mother's passing.

Phone system: Phone lines in the attic will be replaced and moved from the electrical lines. It is believed this will take care of the static on the lines. It may or may not help with the bleed over from line one onto line two.

Computer system: Nothing new to report.

New Business

**W/S Pipeline Project Breakout – Lee Collins.** Handouts are part of the minutes book

**Introducing Ordinance 1.14.2013 to amend Article 8, Critical Area Regulations**

Town Attorney Tom Yeager: Critical Area has reviewed Article 8 and had some comments and definitions they wanted added and stylistic changes. Chris Jakubiak has worked on it. A copy has been sent to CA Commission for further concerns or comments. This will give us regulations for a long period of time. Planning Commission will be having a public hearing on Wednesday before the workshop.

**Atlantic Broadband Franchise Agreement**

The Mayor wants Councilman Sampson to discuss this with him. We are not interested in entering into a ten year (or more) commitment.

**Street Signs:** Clerk/Treasurer will keep a list of signs people want as they are replaced. Will discuss more in a workshop. Previous signs were sold to Chesapeake Inn for \$28.

**Public Comment**

Harriett Davis: Geocache MML box is hidden in Town with book and 'token' using old town pins. Changed location just before Christmas, had been in Becks landing for almost two years. There's a passport. In two weeks over 2 dozen pins gone and it was empty. Put it on website there is a geocache in town. There's one on northside sponsored by someone else. Will ask Malia to put info with passport link on website.

Adjourn

**MOTION:** At 8:02 Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Dean Geracimos, Mayor