

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
*September 12, 2017*

The Town Meeting was called to order by President Andy Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were Commissioners Mary Carol Durange, Karl Fockler, Joseph Letts, Andy Thompson and Mr. Wib Pumpaly, Town Administrator. Commissioner Renee Capano was absent.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Jack Kronner

**Approval of the Minutes of August 22, 2017** Commissioner Durange moved to approve, Commissioner Letts seconded. Approved 4-0.

**Accounts Payable Review September 12, 2017**—Accounts payable in the amount of \$64,847.42 were presented. Commissioner Letts moved to accept, Commissioner Durange seconded. Approved 4-0. Commissioner Fockler asked about the McCrone bill, this was the extent of the bills for their work on the Lot B Project.

**Miller Environmental August Report** – Josh Griffith A total of 2,696,000 gallons were produced for the month, with an average daily production of 87,000. No coliform samples tested positive. Weekly housekeeping and monthly maintenance was performed. Nineteen Miss Utilities were provided. Four settlement reads were accomplished. HIE calibrated the tower level chart recorder. Three fittings were replaced on the cl2 discharge line. Communicated to Town Hall that leaky ball valves need replaced for the chemical injection points on raw feed line to tower storage tank. The valves will be replaced tomorrow after a number of rescheduling.

**Cecil County Sheriff's August Report** – A written report was submitted and Sgt. Schmidt who was in attendance to elaborate. The written report shows the following: Of the 156 hours authorized they were able to cover 147 hours. The nine hours not covered were because of an emergency call which pulled the officer to another location and hold over of shifts. There were no calls for service during scheduled patrols. 253 patrol/property checks were made. Seven radar traffic citations were issued and 16 non radar traffic citations were issued. Four radar warnings were issued and 12 non radar warnings were issued. Four safety repair orders were issued and 2 parking tickets were written. No criminal or civil warrants/ processes were served. Two arrests were made on suspended licenses. There were four field contacts made and 17 community contacts made and 1 business contact. Twenty-five shifts operated radar and 12 did not. One vehicle was put into storage at the owner's request and one was placed into police storage. Sgt. Schmidt commented beyond the written report. More of the cars are equipped with radar, so we will begin to see more shifts using radar. Mrs. Wankle asked how noise complaints are handled. Once a call comes in, they ascertain what the complaint is and then handle it further by sending an officer. Commissioner Durange asked if he was on board for Halloween. We are on his calendar to help with the parade. Mrs. Pia Fassold asked about speeding in Cool Springs. He will check into it, they have done radar checks in the past and will do it again. Mrs. Antoshak also mentioned that there seems to be some questionable activity in the Trinity Woods Playground area. It was mentioned that they will look into doing a K9 Scan of the area to look for their "stash". He has enough coverage lined up for the upcoming 5K this weekend for Ant's Army.

**Feral Cat Program Update** – Rick Lewis was on hand to give an update on the feral program. Since March of this year we have gotten four additional cats. One on Caroline, two on Bennie and one on Calvert. The animals were spay/neutered, wormed, rabies shots and ears docked. There is a litter on Calvert and one on Tasker that

he will be trapping soon. They typically trap on Tuesday nights. So, if you feed cats, please do not feed them on Tuesdays as they need to be hungry to be lured into the traps. If you see a cat, call the Town Hall and they will arrange for Rick to come out and trap. Some were mentioned from the audience and he will check those out. Mr. Lewis was thanked by the town for his diligence.

**Veterans Wreaths Across America** – Jeannette Armour was on hand. On December 16, 2017 at 11:30 AM, she will be sponsoring a wreath laying in Charlestown Cemetery. There will be a short formal ceremony followed by the wreath laying and luncheon in the Fire Hall. The Fire Hall has waived their fee for the facility. She has also given to the town a recommendation on keeping the cemetery in better condition. Commissioner Thompson mentioned that he was not in favor of removing anything from graves. He is all for the town helping to get the word out. There are 90 veteran graves located in the cemetery. She is looking for volunteers to help. This is a nationwide program. The Commissioners will supply someone to speak at the ceremony.

**Colonial Fair Update** – Ron Edwards was in attendance to bring the news that at this time Colonial Charlestown does not have the resources to host such an event. By a majority vote the event was cancelled. Looking forward, as a town event this might be revisited. Commissioner Thompson stated that the town would be happy to support it. Mr. Edwards stated that Colonial Charlestown needs some new blood. They added one member at their last meeting. The Commissioners will get the word out that more volunteers and membership is needed. Commissioner Fockler recommends that Colonial Charlestown set a date for next year and that a Town Commissioner sit on the Board as an ex-officio member with no vote, but to keep the town in the loop.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Street Repairs (Patching & Repaving) McGuirk Construction** Mr. Pumpaly presented a bid from McGuirk Construction of minor repairs and resurfacing of streets of Calvert from Frederick to Market and paving municipal boat ramp staging area. At the last meeting, one of the Commissioners raised the concern at the boat ramp staging area. The Critical Area Commission has been asked and is considering it at this time, but it is a lengthy process. So, at this time, he is pulling the boat ramp staging area off the list. The current bid is \$30,826.00. The highway user funds are earmarked for only repaving. Commissioner Thompson asked if there was anything we could do to improve drainage? We attempt to do that each time we pave and we have a contractor who is very aware of that concern. Can we get a bid on what might be done before we start on the drainage? For the next meeting Mr. Pumpaly will have a report on what will be done to improve the drainage on Calvert from Frederick to Market. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the fixing of the potholes and the paving of Calvert with the additional information on drainage issues for \$30,826.00 seconded by Commissioner Letts. Approved 4-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Security Camera for Boat Ramp** Mr. Pumpaly feels we need a better demonstration of what the picture quality will look like. \$1919.00 for one camera for a three-year contract seems to be a lot of money with no assurance that we will be able to read license plates. Commissioner Letts feels that we will be able to do that. Commissioner Letts feels that we should go ahead and do it now. Commissioner Thompson also feels that we might not be able to see the license plate. Commissioner Durange asked if we could set it up for a day to see if it will do what we want it to do. Commissioner Fockler feels that is a good idea as well. Commissioner Fockler was also looking at the contract to see what the terms are. The contractor will be asked to do an onsite demo of the system in the place we would like to use it to see if it will work.

**Boat Ramp** The signs are up, we should have all of the other materials by next week. Mr. Pumpaly feels that when we start we need to have an authority figure down there to keep the peace. The possibility of a deputy and a Commissioner at the site when we start was discussed. Do we want to start on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> or Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> was the day decided on. Mr. Pumpaly will bring to the next meeting anything else that pops up in the meantime.

**SHA Concerns** Commissioner Fockler stated that he and Mr. Pumpaly met with Jeffrey Wentz of the SHA this morning and they had discussions on many things including golf carts. Crisfield allows driving of carts on the streets with designated crossing of the State Highway that runs through Crisfield. The next step for the town would be to approach our State Delegates to establish the use of golf carts by legislation which is a requirement. Additional conversations included pedestrian crosswalks on Rte 267. Mr. Wentz stated that because there are no sidewalks on the river side of Bladen Street or part of a sidewalk then he would not consider installing crosswalks. Also Rte 7 is not a possibility either for crosswalks. Possible roundabouts were discussed and those are a possibility but in the distant future and not the immediate future because of cost considerations.

### **Period of Public Comment**

Mrs. Wankle discussed her concerns over the sound levels at the Wellwood. She stated that it is a quality of life issue. Commissioner Thompson stated that yes sound was a quality life issue. The bands go to way past when they should stop. It is a town reputation issue. Commissioner Thompson says that they will look into it. Commissioner Letts stated that at one time the time to stop the music was 10 PM. She would like to see it on the agenda for the next meeting

Mary Clark Confalone. What is the status on the stage at Avalon? It is to the Critical Area and we are waiting on their approval. We have received a letter from them and they are taking in under consideration.

Dan Rupert How will yearly passes at the Boat Ramp work being this close to the end of the year? If you bought one before the end of this year it would not expire until December 31, 2018.

Prosper Boudart Why do we not use the Town Administrator and give him the authority to fix potholes? Have a set budget for potholes and let it up to his discretion. He also feels that the Rte 267 sidewalk project will not be done this year. Commissioner Fockler stated that this was a topic of his meeting today. They do not have a timeframe, but Mr. Wentz will look into seeing when we might see some movement on the project and get it to completion. The owner of 629 Bladen is renting rooms. We are looking into it with Planning and Zoning.

Susan Tucker wants to thank the town for their help with the 5K. Does the Colonial Charlestown Committee want to put something in their bags? Yes! ANT's Army will provide cookies for the Wreaths Across America and help.

Ms. Anotshak announced that a fall yard sale will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. October 8<sup>th</sup> Baywise Historic Tour will take place. We have a good response for participation for the tour. The rain garden at the Charlestown Elementary planting will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

There being no other further business for the evening, Commissioner Letts moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM, Commissioner Fockler seconded. Approved 4-0.

*Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I*