

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
February 10, 2015

The Town Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Hechmer at 7:00pm. Commissioners present were Renee Capano, Robert Gell, Bruce Hechmer, Joseph Letts. Absent was Commissioner Ken Confalone.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josh Griffith.

Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2015 Commissioner Letts moved to approve, Commissioner Gell seconded. Approved 4-0.

Accounts Payable Review February 10—Accounts payable in the amount of \$62,265.66 were presented for February 10, 2015 Commissioner Capano moved to approve, Commissioner Letts seconded. Approved 4-0

Miller Environmental January Report – Josh Griffith – The January monthly water production was 2,464,000 gallons ranging from 58,000 per day to 106,000 per day with an average production volume of 79,000. Routine maintenance and testing was performed.

Cecil County Sheriff's December Report – Commissioner Letts gave the report for Sgt. Schmidt- Total shifts approved 34 for a total of hours 136 total hours used were 126 with 10 that were scheduled and not covered. Calls for service were 3(suspicious person, panic alarm(accidental), ATV complaint). One assist out of town with a traffic stop. During the month 182 patrol/property checks, 15 traffic citations issued, 18 traffic warnings issued and 2 safety repair orders issued. One juvenile arrest was made during the month. 11 community contacts and 2 business contacts were made.

Perryville Marching Band Sponsorship – Commissioner Gell – We make use of the Perryville Marching Band at all of our events and they have been very loyal. They march in our Halloween parade and were involved in Riverfest every year. 11 students are residents of Charlestown. They are seeking financial backing to help with their expenses to accept an invitation to perform at Disneyland. Commissioner Gell moved to donate \$1,000 to this cause. Commissioner Hechmer recused himself as his son is member but spoke in favor of the donation, seconded by Commissioner Letts. Commissioner Capano is very thankful to the band for all that they do for the town. Carried 3-0. Band director Jill Welsheimer expressed her thanks for the gift.

Town Administrators Report

OLD BUSINESS

Flood Plain Ordinance 2013-01 Mandated Revision We have received from the Maryland Department of the Environment mandated updates for our 2013-01 Flood Plain Ordinance. Mr. Pumpaly asks that the Commissioners review the marked up copy from the MDE and make comments or changes as soon as possible. Their changes are marked in red. Anything marked out will be omitted from the new ordinance. We must have it in place by May 4, 2015. Perryville is also going through the same thing and their ordinance is exactly the same as ours in essence with a few headings numbered differently as it was given to them by MDE. By the middle of April Mr. Pumpaly would like to get this passed and sent to FEMA and to the MDE. He reminded the commissioners that without this ordinance, residents will not be able to participate in federal flood insurance. Commissioner Hechmer believes that we need to look at some of the language and ensure that our residents are protected as some of the new rules and regulations would be cost prohibitive for some of our citizens to be able to re-build.

NEW BUSINESS

National “Kids to Parks Day” A proclamation was presented for this yearly event. Commissioner Hechmer moved and Commissioner Letts seconded that the proclamation be passed Approved 4-0

Colonial Charlestown Operating Statement 2014 – The Colonial Charlestown operating statement was presented for informational purposes

John’s Lawn Service Contract On for the most part a verbal contract, John’s Lawn Service has been mowing 16 parcels of land for the last 3 to 3 1/2 years Mr. Pumpaly recommends that we retain them for the next year. John’s Lawn Service carries the required insurance necessary to operate as a contractor for the Town of Charlestown. Commissioner Capano and Commissioner Hechmer asked that the contract be put out for bid. The bid process will be used for the lawn contract for 2015.

Waste Industries – Trash/Recycling Contract Three years ago we signed a contract with Waste Industries for trash and recycling for the Town. While their pricing has been increased, it is a direct reflection of the cost increases imposed by the Cecil County Landfill. Mr. Pumpaly has started to explore with Waste Industries to further the contract. Commissioner Capano and Commissioner Gell suggested that this also be put out to bid. The bid process will be used for the trash/recycling contract.

MD 267 Sidewalk Retrofit Project Mr. Pumpaly is seeking help from the Commissioners to attend a meeting February 20 at 10AM at the State Highway Department to discuss the sidewalk project along Bladen Street all the way to Route 7. His concern is that questions will be asked at an upcoming meeting that will need Commissioner input. Commissioner Capano and Commissioner Gell will arrange their schedules to attend the meeting.

Cecil Co. Hazard Mitigation – Vulnerability Assessment Planning Cecil County is looking to update their plan. Their will be upcoming meetings in March and May. He is looking for volunteers. Commissioner Gell has volunteered since he worked on the previous one. It was suggested that Mr. Pumpaly contact the Fire Department.

Further Comments

Commissioner Capano spoke about the Bike Rodeo coming in the spring(April 26) to the school. It is a fairly well attended event.

Public Comments

Mr. Reno - He lives at 50 Carpenters Point Road. The property next to his has been used as an ATV park. The town owns this 7 acre property. He would like to ask the town to post no trespassing signs on their property and he will be posting on his as well.

Mrs. Boudart The ATVs are also riding on the beach at low tide. She wants to know what the ruling on ATVs is. Also as she watches the trash people she has noticed that they throw it all on at once, not separating the recycling out.

Mrs. Curry had two questions. Could she pass out flyers to encourage townfolk to vote. The answer is yes. Is there anywhere that they might meet the candidates. Yes! We will have a meet and greet on the 1st of March at 3PM at Market Street Café. This information will be posted on Facebook, the town website, bulletin boards at Town Hall and the Post Office. The information will also be included in an upcoming article in the Cecil Whig.

Commissioner Letts moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Commissioner Gell. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, town clerk

Approved 2/24/2015