

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
*January 9, 2018*

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Prosper Boudart

**Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2018** Commissioner Letts moved and Commissioner Fockler seconded to approve. Vote 3-0

**Accounts Payable Review January 9, 2018**—Accounts payable in the amount of \$68,530.00 was presented. Commissioner Letts moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Fockler Approved 3-0.

**Miller Environmental November Report** – Josh Griffith Mr. Griffith was present and presented the following report: A total of 2,488,000 gallons was produced for the month, with an average daily production of 80,000. No coliform samples tested positive. Weekly housekeeping and monthly maintenance was performed. 12 Miss Utilities were completed; 2 settlement reads were done, reads were done for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and a read was done at 424 Chesapeake at the town's request.

**Cecil County Sheriff's September and December** – No reports

**Resolution 2018-01 Limited Approval of Certain Building Permit Requests** Commissioner Letts moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fockler, Approved 3-0.

**Amendment to "Vehicles & Traffic" Chapter 165 of the Town Code (2017-04)** Commissioner Fockler had made some changes to the resolution and it was presented for approval. Commissioner Fockler moved to approved the ordinance as written to forward to the General Assembly for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Letts is not in favor of this ordinance as he still feels that there is a safety issue. Approved 3-0.

**Enhanced Fee Schedule for Violators of Town Ordinances** – Commissioner Thompson stated that our Code Enforcement Officer will tweak the draft for further discussion at future meetings. The hope is that this would be applied across the board of the 100+ ordinances on our books. If you have any thoughts, please get them to Rebecca for inclusion in a final draft to be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Thompson explained his thoughts on the present draft. Commissioner Fockler asked if these apply to mainly zoning violations or across the board? Commissioner Fockler feels we need more detail and Commissioner Letts agrees.

**Municipal Pier Sip Rate Increase** – At a previous meeting a fee increase was proposed. Mr. Pumpaly has received the OK from the DNR to increase the fees and to roll in the two transient slips into the program. Commissioner Letts moved to raise the rates as stated in the proposal and to roll the two transient slips into the program as annual seasonal rentals. Approved 3-0.

**"Green Fair"** Janine Antoshak and Debbie Myers presented plans for a Green Fair to be held at Charlestown Elementary School on Friday, March 9, 2018 beginning at 5:30PM. The hope is to have vendors and exhibitors showing ways to help us preserve the integrity of land use of our lovely water oriented community by

promoting native plants, water conservation and the like. A number of exhibitors and vendors have been invited. The consensus was that the Commissioners are in support of this program of the Green Team and it's partners. A Spring Tour similar to the one carried out last fall is also in the planning stages.

## **Town Administrator's Report**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Charlestown Sidewalk Project** Mr. Pumpaly sent various letters stating our displeasure and fear for the safety of our residents and the environment surrounding this project. He has heard back from 3 of the 4 letters. There will be nothing going on through the winter the months on this project. Mr. Pumpaly was asked to ask Delegate Hornberger if he had heard anything else.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Hall Inspection & Structural Evaluation** The staff has some concerns about the building and has asked for a building inspection. Rick's Maintenance is also a licensed home inspection company. For a fee of \$300.00 we would get a comprehensive inspection. Commissioner Letts moved to have an inspection performed on the Town Hall/Post Office by a licensed inspection company, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 3-0.

**Fairgreen Playground Inspection** An inspection of Fairgreen Park shows that there are many needs for repairs. This causes great concern as the playground is extensively used. Commissioner Thompson asked if funding could be found in grants. Community Parks and Playgrounds is a possible source. We also need to get an estimate on repairs or replacement and to bring it up to compliance. The Trinity Woods playground on Clemency Road is in excellent condition. We need to find out if we should close the playground or if we can leave it open. There are some things pointed out that our maintenance staff could do inhouse immediately. Commissioner Letts stated that some of these violations have been going on for some time. Commissioner Thompson also stated that there are several things wrong in the parks that our maintenance workers need to stay on top of. This will be brought back for further discussion.

**Replacement of Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck** This truck is a 2011 model. We believe that we can get 25,000 for a trade-in and he would like to replace it with a F550 with similar capabilities. Mr. Pumpaly is looking at this for possible FY2019. Commissioner Thompson feels that we might get a better deal buying used. Commissioner Letts feels that might be buying someone else's problems. Tabled until more information becomes available.

### **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jack Kronner** – He feels that we should employ a structural engineer for the building inspection and an electrician.

**Prosper Boudart** – He is concerned about the dumpster that sits out by the Fire Department. It looks terrible and seems to be in an inappropriate place. It needs to look presentable. The plowing of streets during this last snow storm was not good. We had a problem with the salt spreader in front of Prosper's house. The dumpster does belong to the Town as part of our contract with the trash company. Mr. Pumpaly feels we should lock the top. Then people will just set stuff beside it and make a bigger mess. Commissioner Thompson asked if we could build an enclosure for the dumpster when it is located at Veterans Park. Commissioner Fockler stated that

it needs to be moved as it is the first thing you see when you come into town. We could have it taken out for a while and see what happens. We will try to consider some other places that it might be better suited. Also, the Cecil Inn (629 Bladen Street) is being used as a weekly rental. It is a safety hazard and a fire hazard. In addition, it looks terrible. We are working with the county to rectify.

Eric Suarez-Murias Are we locked into a contract with our trash company? Yes, and we have recently just renewed. He also thinks that historic grants might be possible for the Town Hall renovations isf such are needed.

There being no other further business for the evening, Commissioner Letts moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM, Commissioner Fockler seconded. Approved 3-0.

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