

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
November 27, 2018

The Town Meeting was called to order by President, Joseph Letts at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Joseph Letts, Karl Fockler, Loucretia Wood and Patricia Clements. Also present was Mr. Wib Pumpaly, Town Administrator. Commissioner Jeffrey Fields was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fockler.

Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2018 Commissioner Wood moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 3-0-1 Abstention

Accounts Payable Review – Accounts payable in the amount of \$51,611.69 were presented for approval. Do we have a contract for Mosquito spraying? No this is a county service, you sign up and they spray. Commissioner Fockler moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 4-0.

WILMAPCO 2050 Regional Transportation Plane – Heather Dunigan from WILMAPCO was in attendance with a presentation on WILMAPCO's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The goals being targeted at the present time are Supporting Sustainable Economic Development & Goods Movement; Efficiently Transport People; and to Improve Quality of Life. The Transportations Alternatives that requires a 20% match is earmarked for Cecil County projects only and we could apply for such projects as sidewalks, lighting projects, streetscaping and bicycle paths. The application call will come in March and due in May. There is an online survey which she left flyers for. There will be a public comment meeting in February which will also be computer streamed to attend virtually. Their website is www.wilmapco.org/rtp. She offered her assistance if the town desires to apply for one of these grants.

Tangible Personal Property Tax Cap – Resolution 2018-02. This resolution was previously presented and approved as Resolution 2018-01. We need to renumber it to Resolution 2018-02. Mr. Pumpaly presented the corrected copy for signatures.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Home Partnership, Inc. Mr. Pumpaly has met with a representative of Home Partnership, Inc. who has presented a plan for the use of the Avalon upper portion. This would be a Small 55+ community of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. We have several parcels of land in town that could be developed into housing projects or other projects developed by developers which we would keep the land ownership which would garner a permanent revenue stream. Right now we have a couple of parcels that sit empty and all we do is mow them. Commissioner Fockler hopes that Avalon will be utilized along with the stage and that "Firemen's Field" used for town events like fairs or reenactments. The parcel on Carpenter's Point we might consider selling. Commissioner Clements would hope that the decision might be made to decide that we are going to retain ownership of the Avalon. It seems we have in the background that we might sell so it is hard to plan. Commissioner Wood asked her to bring ideas that might make money from the Avalon property. She thinks we are spending money and need to look for ways to bring income into the town. Commissioner Letts stated that

we tried to sell the Carpenter's Point property a number of years ago to the county. The sale never went through. Commissioner Fockler asked for an appraisal. Commissioner Letts feels we should keep the Avalon property and consider moving the Town Boat Ramp there. We would need to dredge and it would need a lot of work. Commissioner Clements will begin to look for events to occur at the stage area and utilize the upper portion at this time for parking. Commissioner Clements asked if she could get an estimate for flooring for the building on the Avalon property. She was told to get some estimates.

Proposed Maintenance/Salt Storage Building Mr. Pumpaly presented an RFP for the building. He proposes a pre bid meeting for January 9, 2019 and bids due by January 23, 2019. He was told to advertise. Commissioner Fockler moved to put the request for proposals out for bid, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 4-0.

Lease Extension Lee's Marina Commissioner Fockler has not yet met with Dennis Clower to put together our counter offer. Mr. Clower will be in town the week of December 10th.

Golf Carts in Charlestown Up-date The Commissioners approved the sending of the ordinance to the Legislature. Mr. Pumpaly sees many pitfalls with the ordinance. Commissioner Fockler has been in touch with several legislators. He also stated that it was signed by three Commissioners which is a majority. He knows that there are a lot of people in town who are using them even though they are illegal. He thinks it is a positive thing and he would like to see a unanimous support of the current board. He is ready to send it to Mr. Hornberger to have it introduced. Commissioner Wood stated that we are not unique. We have a lot of traffic and golf carts would create a traffic hazard. The ordinance states that they can be gasoline powered. In the Manor all summer long they had kids running up and down the roads with little kids hanging off of the carts. If a fatality would occur she would not want to be one of the Commissioners who had signed off on this ordinance so she will not vote for it. Only during a special event where the streets could be closed. Commissioner Clements asked who would be the inspectors? Commissioner Fockler's thoughts were that we would have approved service stations who would do the inspections.

NEW BUSINESS

Express Messaging System Mr. Pumpaly has been talking to a company who can do emergency messaging to phones and computers in town. It would cost \$1500 a year for up to 1500 contacts. They can do 5000 contacts in 83 minutes. If you have interest he can have someone from the company to do a demonstration. We will explore other options as well.

Salute to Veterans has offered us a refund or we can leave the money with them to be used for the next year. Commissioner Fockler moved that we leave the money with the organization, seconded

Public Comment

Dennis Taylor What plans does the town have to clean up the intersection at Water and Frederick? We are in the process of exploring a fix with the drainage.

Pauline Bryant She was happy when they approved the use of golf carts. She sees only one problem and she thinks that the police should be called everyday. Commissioner Wood stated she sees kids on golf carts all the time and she sees them acting in a illegal manner.

Shirley Doss – The maintenance crew came and trimmed the hedge in front of her house and she is very appreciative. It took them two days but he did a fantastic job. She would also like to see senior housing come into town. They are looking at having to downsize and would like to stay in Charlestown. She would also like to see a more full service Post Office in town.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Fockler at 8:28 PM. Approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I

Approved 12-11-2018