

**TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall, 241 Market Street, and Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Karl Fockler at 6:01pm. In attendance: Commissioner Lou Wood; Staff: Bryan Lightner and Mary Culver; Via Zoom: Commissioners Jack Kronner and Curtis Elmer. Public attendees: Rosie Bott, Dianne Letts, Dan Rupert, Dennis Taylor, Richard Mahan. Via Zoom: Ursula Boudart, Lisa Wood, Dennis Wood, Steve Troegler.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Fockler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes: January 25, 2022 and February 8, 2022 – Motion to approve by Commissioner Kronner, seconded by Commissioner Elmer. Carried 3-0-1, with an abstention by Commissioner Wood due to not being present for the January 25th meeting.

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$52,520.40 were presented for approval. **Commissioner Kronner moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Elmer. Carried 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Workplace Harassment Policy: Mr. Lightner asked to discuss the proposal for an updated Workplace Harassment Policy. Commissioner Wood feels some of the wording, specifically regarding the chain of command, doesn't convey the intent correctly and would like to present to the MML for advice. Commissioner Kronner agreed with Commissioner Wood that we needed advice from MML. President Fockler was not in favor of tabling the discussion again and stressed its importance for discussion and approval. After discussion, **Commissioner Elmer motioned to approve and Commissioner Wood seconded. Carried 3-0-1, with an abstention by Commissioner Kronner.**

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff's Office Agreement – President Fockler

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kronner stated he wants to table the topic and investigate other policing options. Commissioner Elmer would like to do what's best for the town, and President Fockler wants to have an agreement in place, but suggested we could cut back the hours, if the agreement becomes too costly. **Commissioner Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Elmer. Carried 3-0-1, with an abstention by Commissioner Kronner.**

Cemetery Signs – Rosie Bott

Ms. Bott stated the need for signs at two unmarked cemeteries in Town; Old Lot #1 on Cecil Street, which was for Captains, and Old Lot #2 on Calvert Street, which was for citizens of the

Town. Ms. Bott feels they should be made of brick, like St. John's Church, because there used to be a brick factory in Town. President Fockler recommended signs made with a bronze plate, similar to Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The Commissioners agreed signage would be an appropriate action for the cemeteries.

THIS MARKS THE END OF OLD AND NEW BUSINESS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Wood – Ms. Wood wanted to thank Mr. Lightner for having the white light on the top of the water tower corrected, as it was flashing at night erroneously.

Ursula Boudart – Ms. Boudart asked if we will be hiring a park ranger. Mr. Lightner confirmed and stated it would be a part-time position and they would monitor the parks, parking lots and the municipal boat ramp. She also wanted clarification about the skate park, such as liability concerns. President Fockler confirmed we have insurance coverage.

Rosie Bott – Ms. Bott asked the Town to place picnic table and bench at Sandy Beach for residents to utilize. She loves the area and feels that would be a great addition for visitors.

Dianne Letts – Ms. Letts made us aware that the information on the signage at the Tory House is incorrect. She stated the phone number listed for tours needs to be changed to the current board member in charge.

Richard Mahan – Mr. Mahan wanted to commend the commissioners for passing the Workplace Harassment Policy. He asked the Town to look into online training courses to take, and Mr. Lightner confirmed we will, as that information is stipulated in the policy.

THIS MARKS THE END OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Commissioner Wood motioned to adjourn at 7:08pm, seconded by Commissioner Kronner. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Culver, Office Manager