

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
March 12, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Mahan.

Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2019 Commissioner Fockler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. **Approved 5-0.**

Accounts Payable Review of March 12, 2019 Accounts payable in the amount of \$46,476.33 were presented for approval for March 12, 2019. A question was asked on payments to KCI and AECOM. These will be reimbursed by grant funds. **Commissioner Fockler moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 5-0.**

Swearing-in Ceremony for Mr. Karl Fockler – Charlene Notarcola, Clerk of the Court Ms. Charlene Notarcola, Clerk of the Court for Cecil County was on hand to swear-in Mr. Fockler for a second term as Town Commissioner.

Establish date for the Election Run-off This vote was handled by Vice-President, Lou Wood, as President, Joseph Letts recused himself due to his candidacy. The election must be advertised in a newspaper of local distribution with at least two weeks-notice. The earliest the notice can be in because of publication dates is March 15. This makes the earliest date for the election to be March 29th. In keeping with the tradition of a Tuesday election, the date of April 2, 2019 was proposed. **Commissioner Fockler moved to set the date of April 2, 2019 as the run-off election date to be held in Town Hall from 7AM to 7PM, seconded by Commissioner Fields. Approved 4-0-1 abstention (Commissioner Letts)**

Cecil Co. Sheriff's February 2019 Report – Sgt. Mahan was in attendance and a written report was submitted showing in February 2019 34 shifts were approved for a total of 144 hours. Of that number 136 hours were covered. There were 11 calls for service and one out of town assists. There were 149 property checks made. No traffic citations were issued; 25 (11 radar and 14 non-radar) warnings were issued, one safety repair order was issued and no parking citations were issued. There were three warrant service attempts and no civil papers served. There were no arrests made. No civil citations were issued. There were twelve community contacts made for the month and no business contacts. 18 shifts operated radar and 8 did not. No vehicles were removed to storage. They also did a vacation property check. For March we will have scheduled 20 shifts to cut back during the months when the need is less than the summer. An issue on Chesapeake Road will be addressed by the deputies. Commissioner Wood asked about Friday shifts. They are scaled back for the duration of the winter. She is requesting coverage when the bars close. Commissioner Fockler stated that he had met with Sgt. Mahan in planning of the Colonial Fair and the coverage that would be required for the event.

Miller Environmental February 2019- Mr. Josh Griffith presented the following in a written report. A total of 2,247,000 gallons of water was produced with an average daily production of 80,250 gallons. No submitted samples tested positive for coliform. Weekly housekeeping and weekly and monthly maintenance were performed. In addition, 29 Miss Utilities were completed A leak check was done at 420 Calvert Street,

172 Salvation Circle, and at 1487 W. Old Philadelphia Road with none detected. Historical information regarding hydrant psi and flow from MRWA's testing done in 2014 was found, and reported to Town Hall. Hydrant testing was scheduled with MRWA. Commissioner Clements asked about the consumption and production being over last year. We were exercising another well and that seems to have been the cause. They will be putting out a capital budget items list which might help to catch leaks.

NERM Sea Wall – Amy DeSimone The owners of the North East River Marina were in attendance and are asking when the town will be fixing the seawall that is failing. It is falling apart and the ramp will become unusable. The board had previously determined that they would take no action on the request. Commissioner Fockler thinks that we could consider discussing it further and asked the owners to get an estimate. We have nothing in our budget at this time to repair it. At the beginning of the lease there was a reduction in lease payments while the ramp was repaired. There was a request to get three bids.

Avalon Park Events – Commissioner Clements

Commissioner Clements presented a calendar of events for the stage. September 7, 2019 will see Shakespeare in the Park, at no cost except for the placing of a port a pot. We will also be asked to try to get some advertising. The show would be *Measure for Measure*. This is a show that is a dark comedy and those over the 8th grade would probably understand. It would not be appropriate for those younger.

Sunday in the park bluegrass/pop band is willing to come for \$400.00. Possible dates are August 4, 18 and 25 are available dates. Commissioner Fockler is in favor.

Lil lack yoga is also interested in renting the stage.

Commissioner Fockler is also interested in showing movies as well.

Commissioner Clements moved to approve the Acoustic Turnpike Band on August 4 at a rate of \$400.00, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Clements moved to have the Brown Box Theatre on September 7, 2019 to present Measure for Measure, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-1.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget requests – Mr. Pumpaly handed out worksheets for budget requests for the 2020-2021 budget, which work on will start shortly with the Town Account.

Cecil County Sheriff's Contract Approval – Commissioner Wood asked about the financials. Commissioner Fockler stated that we control the schedule and that there is a provision to terminate the contract. **Commissioner Fockler moved that we execute the agreement as stated and that we would control the schedule, starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 5-0.**

Veterans Park Bathroom Repair Update Mr. Pumpaly has had numerous conversations with the Critical Area and he is working with them to get approval. Commissioner Letts feels we need to replace the whole thing. Commissioner Clements has concerns about starting new in the flood plain that there is no grandfathering of electric. Commissioner Fockler feels unless we have the OK of the Critical Area we should not knock it down. If we decided to repair it, we will need to have drawings done so that the bidders would be bidding on the same thing. The architect's recommendation was to tear it down, but we have not had an engineer to do a report on the condition of the building and whether it could be repaired or not. Mr. Pumpaly thinks that we will get the OK to go forward. Commissioner Fockler suggests that we go ahead with the design work as we are going to go with the same footprint. Commissioner Clements asked how much plans would cost? 3,000 – 5,000 probably. Commissioner Fockler feels that the exterior is fine but the inside has failed.

Commissioner Wood feels we need to make sure that the structure is safe before we put \$14,000 into it. Commissioner Clements asked about grants. Ms. Antoshak said that there was one that she found that might be a potential. Commissioner Fields thinks that the bathroom is a higher priority than the pole building. Commissioner Fields said that he thinks that Karl is correct that the outside is probably still good, but the inside is shot, he does think a new building would be a good idea. But the cost is a concern. Commissioner Fockler asked if there is an architect who is also a structural engineer? If so, can we ask them to draw up some plans. Commissioner Letts suggests that we replace it. Mr. Boudart was asked for his opinion. He said that the floor should be jackhammered up and have a concrete guy in to say if the floor is worth re-pouring. **Commissioner Fields moved to have an evaluation of the outer walls by an engineer, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 5-0.**

C Dock bathroom repair – We have gotten a couple of prices for hard piping to the sewer to do the repairs. The cost is \$5,000.00. **Commissioner Fields moved that we accept the Haase bid of \$5,000, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 3-1-1.**

Avalon Community Bldg. Repairs Commissioner Clements explained that the water damage done to the door frames and the floor is also somewhat soft. Commissioner Letts wants to know what we are doing with the building? Our maintenance guys could install a new door frame. Commissioner Clements suggests we fix the door in house with maintenance staff. Commissioner Fields stated that we still need to keep the building in good repair. Commissioner Fockler asked that the maintenance guys go down and explore it from underneath.

New Business

MML Dinner Meeting April 18th at 6:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Cecil Co. Executive Town Meeting July 23 County Executive Allen McCarthy will be at our meeting on July 23 beginning at 6:00 PM. We will have to advertise accordingly.

Ice Splash Overtime Commissioner Fields asked to table this issue.

Period of Public Comment

Dan Rubert – no comment

Pauline Bryant

I have not found any motion for the Green Team to plant any more flowers. There are more plantings going in and this makes traffic congestion. She also feels that the planting will tax the maintenance staff further.

She would like to see a sign about the Third Regiment placed in advance of the Colonial Fair. She is willing to part with the uniforms, and the guns. She named people who could be involved for the regiment.

Rosie Bott

I agree with Pauline about the flowers, everything was supposed to be ground level. Janine should not be volunteering her time. I looked in the minutes for the 2 ½ years and did not see the rain garden approved. We need more barrels for garbage to replace the dumpsters that you have taken away. This

progressed to a discussion on why we started locking the dumpsters. She is concerned about the bathroom at Veterans Park. An outhouse is not going to help. She thinks that the park needs to be closed until bathroom facilities are restored and make it a dog park. She thinks that we need to use local people to get things done.

Prosper Boudart

He feels that the Commissioners need to make a long-range plan for the Town.

Commissioner Fields

He met with Jeannette Armour at the Ice House and met with an electrician. We are going to need light. Once the electric is in, who will pay the bill? The Town as it is a Town building. The volunteers took pictures of what was in the building.

Amy DeSimone

She does appreciate when Janine volunteers her time to the town. She also supports Prosper in his thoughts of using volunteers. She also thinks that the local businesses might be willing to sponsor events with advertising and such.

Commissioner Fockler announced that the Taste of Times Dinner at a cost of \$60.00 will take place on April 13th at the Wellwood. Tickets can be secured with Ms. Myers.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Letts moved to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Fields at 9:06 PM. Approved 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk