

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Loucretia Wood at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Loucretia Wood, Jeff Fields, Patricia Clements, and Karl Fockler. Also in attendance was Mr. Wib Pumpaly, Town Administrator. Commissioner Joseph Letts was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dan Rubert.

Approval of the Minutes – July 23, 2019 **Commissioner Fockler moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fields. Approved 4-0.**

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$90,562.08 were presented for approval. **Commissioner Clements moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-0.**

Miller Environmental July Report - Mr. Josh Griffith submitted the following in a written report. A total of 2,947,000 gallons of water was produced with an average daily production of 95,000 gallons. No submitted samples tested positive for coliform. Weekly housekeeping and weekly and monthly maintenance were performed. In addition, 20 Miss Utilities were completed. 4 Settlement reads were performed. The semi-annual water withdrawal report was completed and submitted to MDE and Town Hall. Well #1 will be repaired by Schulties Drilling sometime this week. After the repair we are requesting that the both wells be used in comparatively the same amount of time.

Cecil Co. Sheriff's July Report – Sgt. Mahan Sgt. Mahan was in attendance and a written report was submitted showing in July 2019 40 shifts were approved for a total of 160 hours. Of that number 136 hours were covered. There were three calls for service and seven out of town assists. There were 172 property checks made. There were 32 community contacts. There were 5 traffic citations (radar) and 19 (4 radar and 15 non-radar) warnings issued. Two traffic related arrests were made of adults. A question was asked and answered about community contacts.

Code Enforcement Monthly Review – Bryan Lightner . He was in attendance and a written report was submitted showing his monthly review. He addressed complaints on 11 different properties within town for various issues. There were five for high grass five for buildings in disrepair. He has researched our code in reference to home occupations and wedding events.

Charter Review Committee Presentation – Commissioner Fockler There were approximately eight residents involved in this committee. Commissioner Fockler went through the proposed changes to the charter. Mr. Pumpaly then explained how these changes would need to be presented to stand on their own merit. **Commissioner Fields moved to set a work session to discuss these changes, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-0.** The date of September 25th was suggested as the date.

ParkMobile App. – Commissioner Fockler explained how this app might work to help with the parking situation. At this point it would be on an honor system. This would be an opportunity to generate some income for the town. This resulted in a lively question and answer period.

Avalon Bldg. (Girl Scout Use, Professional Analysis of Structure) – Commissioner Clements There were representatives from the Girl Scouts who would like to use the Avalon building for their meetings. The members of the troop are students at Charlestown Elementary. They would like the opportunity to use the building for their meetings. The building needs some repairs. We would certainly be in favor of the scouts using the building if it is deemed safe. Mr. Lightner suggested using a county

engineer to inspect the building and he will contact them tomorrow to see what we can do. We will keep the leaders updated on our progress.

Fair Green Playground Bids – Commissioner Clements We have received three competitive bids for the completion of the playground. The low bid was from All Recreation. They have a timeline of 10 weeks. The actual grant is for 113,000.00. **Commissioner Fields moved to accept the bid from All Recreation for the installation of the equipment as proposed in the bid , seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-0.**

Living Shoreline Grant – Commissioner Clements We would like to resubmit the this grant request. The board is in agreement for the resubmission.

Phase II – Avalon Park Plan Mr. Pumpaly is applying for a grant that would fund Phase II of Avalon. This grant might fund things such as benches, bike racks and improvements to the shore line. The park is being utilized for many different activities and we would like to see these activities continue and be enhanced.

Commissioner Wood introduced County Commissioner Jackie Gregory who was in attendance to observe.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Pumpaly proposed a bi-monthly street sweeping. Commissioner Fields suggested that this be done on as needed basis as previously stated. Mr. Graf was in attendance and explained how his service works. **Commissioner Fields moved to start with two times a year and then on an as needed basis , seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-0.**

Verizon Lease. Mr. Pumpaly is negotiating the lease to increase our income from Verizon.

Beach Tags – We have discussed this possibility. This could be another source of income for the town. He encourages the Commissioners to look at the attached information. Commissioner Wood.

The roof on Veterans Park will be replaced the week of the 26th.

Period of Public Comment

Sean Durgin He would like to see a fort in the park. The Louisa Lane Extension is in terrible shape. He would be willing to serve on a Town Hall Committee.

Dennis Taylor The park looks nice, but he thinks that we need a senior citizen park with teeter totters and such. He also would like to see a committee formed to discuss parking. The parking that has been eliminated has further restricted places to park in town.

Rosie Bott – The problem with your parking and parks could be solved by closing them to residents only and opening the trash container. The parking for the Colonial Fair will be at Avalon, the Ball Fields and possibly the elementary school. The main fair will be in the Green. Washington will be coming to town and there will be a brief period of time when he goes from the green to the cannon for the firing of same.

Pauline Bryant – Somebody needs to do something at the wharf, the bushes have grown up and the men are using them for bathroom. The town needs to clear the bushes out so the. The weeds are growing up above the benches again. The bushes need to be trimmed again. You need a new town hall

Prosper Boudart A big thank you to Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Confalone for the effort at Avalon Park. He would like to know the monthly lease at Lee's Marina. (\$1,166.67). He would also like to know what the status of the repair of the water tower. (We are aware of the cost that is going to amount to and we are also exploring replacing of the meters. We will do this one at a time because of the cost.)

Ursual Boudart When you have entertainment at Avalon is it free? No, not at this point. If you are going to be paying these entertainers, we need a program set up as to how the town is going to paying these entertainers. We are preparing forms for the rental of the park to garner some possible income. Foot Log bridge needs power washed and stained. Could we have a dog station on the "other side" of the bridge at Foot Log?

Lou Wood – Thank you Patsy for National Night Out. We are in the running for an award for towns under 5 000. She is exploring options for a remedy for the space limitations at Town Hall. She would like to see a new Town Hall at Fireman's Field. She would like to see places for Seniors and Children. She asks the Board to come back at the next meeting with their ideas and what they would like to see in a new or renovated Town Hall.

Commissioner Fields moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Fockler at 8:56 PM. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Myers, Town Clerk

Loucretia Wood, President Board of Commissioners