

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
August 28, 2018,

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Aubrey Demond

Approval of the Minutes of August 14, 2018 Commissioner Fockler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 4-0 with one abstention.

Accounts Payable Review – Accounts payable in the amount of \$18,128.96 were presented for approval. Commissioner Fockler moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 5-0.

Appointment of Maintenance Commissioner Commissioner Letts assigned himself this responsibility. Commissioner Clements will take care of the Avalon stage area.

Neighborhood Youth Panel Commissioner Fockler mentioned the Neighborhood Panel some time ago. This is an opportunity for our community to be involved. Commissioner Fockler motioned to approve the establishment and participation of Charlestown in the Neighborhood Youth Panel, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Approved 4 with one abstention (Commissioner Fields).

Market Street Charity Event Mrs. Spangler was present and to speak about a fundraiser for the Blue Line. She would like to have permission for parking in the lot by Fairgreen Park. The board was in agreement to allow the parking.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Extension Lee's Marina There is a packet in the books with all of the information available concerning this issue. At the last meeting it was decided that the Commissioners would have a work session to discuss this issue. Does this need to be a closed session? Probably. The work session followed by a closed session was set for September 19th @ 6PM.

Wreaths Across America Jeannette Armour was at the last meeting to discuss Wreaths Across America. Mr. Pumpaly is asking about lighting for the 7 wreaths for the Christmas season. She also needs kitchen help.

Cool Springs Bridge Repairs There is no new information. The original proposals are still the only ones available. Commissioners Fockler and Fields mentioned that we might save some money if we block the streets and ask traffic to go the other ways. Commissioner Wood moved to go with Eastern Highway Socialist at a cost of seconded by Commissioner Letts. Approved 4-0.

Maintenance Building Up-date There was some discussion about the contract negotiations with J D Smucker. Mr. Smucker is easy to work with and going to do what we want. The actual contract however is somewhat ambiguous. We can have a paper signed that works with the Worker's Compensation issue. Commissioner Fockler is still not comfortable with this contract. He is in favor of Mr. Clower designing a contract for Mr. Smucker. Mr. Pumpaly said that we will need to rent a small bulldozer and a roller to prepare the building site and we can do so for under \$1,000.00. We have to provide a level building site for the construction. Commissioner Clements asked why are we having to do all this extra work because we like the guy? Even with an extra \$2,000 we are still under the next highest bid. Mr. Pumpaly will contact Mr. Clower in the morning.

Proposed Ice Cream Stand at Wellwood Marina The town received a letter from the Wellwood's lawyer and it was forwarded to Mr. Clower. There is however another little hitch. There needs to be a special exception to the zoning, which can only be granted by the Board of Appeals. Mr. Clower has composed a letter to the Wellwood's lawyer explaining the need for this exception. Should Mr. Metz still want to continue with the ice cream stand, a Board of Appeals hearing will be necessary

NEW BUSINESS

Code Enforcer Person The advertisement for the position will appear tomorrow in the Cecil Whig and will be advertised on an internet job board, MML, and on our website. Rogers Clements, Ken Confalone and Joseph Letts have been asked to be on the employment committee.

Proposed Street Repairs Mr. Pumpaly asked McGuirk Construction to advise of streets that need attention. They have zeroed in on Market from Calvert to Water Street. The proposal would widen the street by two feet. Commissioner Clements asked if there are not more needy portions of town? Do we have a map of what roads been done? Louisa Lane, Calvert Street, Caroline Street are what has been done in the last five or six years. How much do we have budgeted? Would waiting for the KCI study be advisable. That is a long term study. If the Commissioners have other suggestions please let Mr. Pumpaly know and he will get a proposal.

Foot Log Beach Mr. Pumpaly receives numerous complaints about Foot Log Beach. Some want the property's grass cut and some not. The staff has been working to clean up all the beaches.

Commissioner Fockler asked if we have heard anything from Congressional Concrete? We have heard nothing. They do seem to be working.

Public Comment

Sean Durgin - Advocating for a speed bump in front on his house. He was at the Ice House last night. Are the restrooms public? Yes, from dawn to dusk.

Rosie Bott – When you are talking about streets remember the far end of Caroline. They need some stone or something. Those people pay taxes too. A lot of our water problems come from Caroline Street and if we could pipe the water to Bladen Street it would help a lot.

There being no further business, Commissioner Letts moved to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Clements at 8:16 PM. **Approved 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I