

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Train Station at 200 Belt Street on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 with Mayor John C. Dorman presiding and was called to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor John C. Dorman; Councilwoman Alison Cook; Councilwoman Jenny Hall; and Councilman Michael Pruitt.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager; Trish Goodsell, Asst. to the Town Manager; Karen Houtman, Town Planner; Randy Barfield, Public Works Director; John Holloway, EMS Captain; Cynthia Byrd, Executive Director, Julia Purnell Museum; and James Pilchard, Chief of Police

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation by Reverend Trish Goodsell.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for November 2015 by Councilwoman Hall and was seconded by Councilwoman Cook. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Pruitt asked if the over 90-days accounts receivable for water billing was normal. Kelly advised this amount is due to empty houses with water/sewer connected.

A motion was given to approve the November 2015 Financial Report by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilman Pruitt. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No questions or comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

No questions. Michael Day was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Councilman Pruitt asked for an update on the Martin Street project. Randy advised that the water is 80% completed and sewer is 65% completed. It is estimated that the project should be completed January 12th, except for the asphalt.

WWTP REPORT No questions. Jason Self was absent.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Karen advised that the Planning Commission held a hearing on the Comprehensive Rezoning plan. They received a reply from the Critical Area Commission and are awaiting a response from the Town Attorney so they can issue a letter next week. Councilman Pruitt commented that he was disappointed in the lack of attendance at the hearing, counting only 6 attendees.

MUSEUM REPORT

Dr. Byrd advised that the Museum was awarded two grants: one from LESCH and the other from the Questers for history walls update.

School tours and field trips are being held during the off season.

There were 45 people that attended the Victorian Christmas celebration, down from 60 last year. Staff is considering changing the event to Sunday next year.

FIRE / EMS REPORT

John reminded everyone to keep live trees watered and away from open flames. Also, do not overload your electrical outlets.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Pilchard reported he was invited to the third grade class for American Education Week. He said the visit went very well.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. The annual Tree Lighting ceremony was cancelled due to rain. However, the lights were still lit that evening and will remain on through the holidays.
2. The Mayor and Council's Holiday Open House was well attended, as was the Snow Hill Lion's Club Christmas Parade.
3. Positive Energy LLC held an information session at the last work session regarding their application for a medical marijuana facility in Snow Hill. This business could bring 40 new jobs to town.
4. State Highway is working on Route 12 and N. Washington Street. The Town asked for this project to be moved to after the holidays but the State controls this highway.
5. Councilman Pruitt and Michael Day, along with Mayor Dorman will be traveling on December 28-30 to North Carolina to see the scenic trains. Representatives from Berlin will also be attending.

