

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 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, February 10, 2015 with Councilwoman Alison Cook presiding and was called to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Councilwoman Alison Cook; Councilwoman Jenny Hall; and Councilman Michael Pruitt.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Asst. to the Town Manager Trish Greene; Karen Houtman, Town Planner; Public Works Director Bob Donnelly; John Holloway, EMS Supervisor; Cindy Byrd, Director of the Julia A. Purnell Museum; and Kirk Daugherty, Chief of Police.

OPENING COMMENTS

Councilwoman Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting, announcing that Mayor Dorman was absent due to preparation for the Seaside Boat Show.

Happy birthday greetings were given to Councilwoman Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation by Reverend Trish Greene, who works at Town Hall.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to adopt the January 2015 Town Meeting minutes by Councilman Pruitt and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was given to approve the January 2015 Financial Report by Councilwoman Hall and seconded by Councilman Pruitt. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No questions or comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Joe Pishtey was absent from the meeting. No questions were received.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Bob reported that the water tower will have work done on March 2nd while pressure regulators are being installed around town.

Councilman Pruitt asked if any company can bid on gas service in town, as Eastern Shore Gas have the lines in the street. Kelly Brewington advised that the agreement was with ESG and went to Sandpiper; she believes for 10 years but will check.

WWTP REPORT

Bob reported that they are still moving slowly on close out of project.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Karen advised that she included the Planning Commission meeting minutes with her report. The next meeting will be held on February 19th at 6pm.

Councilman Pruitt asked if on-site managers would be required for apartment complexes in the Comprehensive Rezoning plan. Karen responded that they did not discuss it but will check.

MUSEUM REPORT

Cindy reported that Dr. Lamar's family has given the Museum some of his memorabilia from his practice, which will be added and displayed.

There are three different exhibit spaces that have been renovated.

There will be a reception on April 3rd to celebrate the opening of the Museum. Everyone is invited.

FIRE / EMS REPORT

John reported that Sonny Larson is now a life member after serving 61 years in the fire company.

The new defibrillator machine arrived on Monday and he thanked the Mayor and Council for partnering with them to purchase the new machine. John advised Councilman Pruitt that FEMA will only provide funding for the two new machines and will not pay anything toward this one.

POLICE REPORT

Councilwoman Cook announced that the first round of interviews for Police Chief has been completed, with the 2nd round being conducted by the Mayor and Council on the 19th.

No questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS

No questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2015-01 Ethics Ordinance Amendment

Trish Greene read the Ordinance into record. This Ordinance amends Chapter 16 in order to correct wording in Section 16.8 titled "Enforcement", replacing the word "Somerset" with "Worcester". This is the first reading and the Ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next Town meeting.

2. Budget Amendment Snow Hill Fire Department EMS

This amendment is to move General Fund surplus funds to be used for the purchase of a defibrillator machine for EMS personnel.

A motion was given to approve this amendment by Councilman Pruitt and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.

3. Budget Amendment Scenic Railway Train Study – Phase II

This amendment is to move General Fund surplus funds to be used for the second phase study for this project. This phase reviews moving the freight line to a passenger line.

A motion was given to approve this amendment by Councilwoman Hall and was seconded by Councilman Pruitt. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Carolyn Brown asked if it was possible for a business in town to grow medical marijuana. Karen and Kelly advised that it was not legal at this time in Maryland. Karen added that State legislation only passed for doctors and hospital facilities. Kelly added that no one has come to Town Hall and asked about it but there have been rumors that someone has shown interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted: Trish Greene, Asst. to Town Manager