

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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; and Councilman Michael Pruitt.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Greene, Asst. to the Town Manager; Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager; Bob Donnelly Public Works Director, ; John Holloway, EMS Supervisor; Cindy Byrd, Director of the Julia A. Purnell Museum; and James Pilchard, Chief of Police.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation by Pastor Tina Whaley of Bates United Methodist Church.

MEETING MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Pruitt asked what GOCCP and LESCH were under Grants. GOCCP is Government Office of Crime, Control, and Prevention. LESCH is Lower Eastern Shore Cultural Heritage.

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Kelly announced that a compost bin was at the meeting for everyone to view. They are on sale at Town Hall for \$20 each.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilman Pruitt commented that the report shows plans for a Triathlon event in October and wanted staff to be aware that the Celtic Festival is held the first weekend in October. Mayor Dorman advised that the Rock the River Music Festival is being held that same weekend.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Bob reported that the water tower project has been completed; however, other repairs have been noted and will be addressed in August/September.

Councilman Pruitt asked what I&I stood for. It stands for Inflow and Infiltration.

Councilwoman Cook inquired about the bid for Market Street and Bob advised that it came in high and only one bid was received.

WWTP REPORT

Bob reported that the warranty repairs have been completed and due to the time frame, some warranties have been extended.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Councilman Pruitt inquired about Pete Johnston reviewing the zoning district setback analysis and recommending the town do away with cluster provisions. He also inquired about the Community Revitalization District around the town center.

Karen was absent from the meeting. Staff will report the questions to her to follow up with Councilman Pruitt.

MUSEUM REPORT

No questions or comments.

FIRE / EMS REPORT

John reported they responded to a triple fatality in Stockton last evening.

John reported that the J-turns will soon be opening at Route 113 and Public Landing Road. He asked everyone to use caution.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Pilchard reported that the largest areas worked this past month were premise checks and assisting other agencies.

Chief Pilchard advised that there had been no burglaries until this past weekend at the Food Pantry. There have been 16 in the past 6 months, occurring mostly from Wednesday evening through Friday morning in the southeastern part of Town.

OLD BUSINESS

No questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2015-02 Budget FY2015-2016

This Ordinance is to adopt the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Mayor Dorman advised that there would be no tax increase and that all Town employees received a 1.5% cost of living raise. This Ordinance will be presented for adoption at the June Town Meeting.

2. Budget Amendment Patrol Car

This amendment is to move General Fund surplus funds to be used for the purchase of a new Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle. \$30,060.38 from a collateral fund will be used to pay off the balance of two current patrol car loans with Calvin B. Taylor Bank: one for \$1459.95 and one for \$15216.79. This would leave \$13383.64 to be used toward the new vehicle. \$7100 is needed for the police package; therefore, the total moved from the General Fund surplus funds will be \$20978.36. Cost of patrol vehicle = \$27262.00.

A motion to approve the budget amendment was given by Councilwoman Cook and seconded by Councilman Pruitt. A roll call vote was taken and the amendment was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Speak Up Snow Hill work session will be held on May 26, 2015 at 6pm at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. All citizens are welcome. Dr. Clara Small will be present to discuss writing a book with her brother on the history of Snow Hill workers.
2. Snow Hill Lions Club BBQ and Auction is May 16, 2015 from 12pm-4pm. Auction starts at 1pm.
3. The Pig and a Jib is being held on May 29th and 30th. Proceeds go to The Cricket Center.
4. International Museum Day is May 18th.
5. Strawberry Day at Furnace Town is May 24th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

1. Councilman Pruitt asked if any military bands are being scheduled for this summer. Mayor Dorman advised that he gave this project to Ann Gibb at Town Hall and currently there is one band already scheduled for the summer.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mayor Dorman adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted: Trish Greene, Asst. to Town Manager