

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020

The meeting was opened and called to order by Mayor Benton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Ronald Naughton and the roll was taken by Ms. Stiner, filling in for Mrs. Milor.

Present were Mayor Benton, Councilman Hummel and Councilwomen Hagen and Lawton. Councilman Troncone and Councilwoman Schiada were not present. Councilman Dotson was scheduled to arrive at 7:15. Approval of the Agenda was prolonged until Dotson arrived.

A check for the proceed from the Polar Bear Plunge in the amount of \$7,247.97 was presented to the Ladies of Charity, Calvert county. They were extremely surprised at the amount of the check!

There was a Census update presented by Quinn. April 1 is Census Day. Mailings will be sent out on March 12<sup>th</sup> to help residents familiarize themselves with the Census form. There will be a focus on post office boxes this year and accurately counting seniors. Forms may be completed online and/or mailed.

Gracie Brady presented a video featuring Bobby Abner and his life as a crabber/oysterman. He spoke about the changes over the years and commented there definitely needs to be a management process for the watermen.

Councilman Dotson arrived at 7:20 and a motion to approve the Agenda was made by Hummel, seconded by Hagen and all voted "aye".

A motion to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Hummel, Dotson seconded and all voted "aye".

Sgt. Naughton presented the Public Safety report and noted that although January call ins were up from December, the total was down from the previous year.

The Treasurer's report is available on Board Docs.

Donnie Bowen gave the DPW report and stated the Stormwater Plan was written in a grant for North Beach. There is a meeting on Oxford on February 24<sup>th</sup> and he will be attending. There is a lot of networking and sharing of tips for the municipalities to discuss. He believes the Town's comprehensive stormwater plan will be very efficient and effective.

Hummel brought up the subject of BGE "shades" for street lights. The Mayor commented that the "shades" are not free.

Hagen commented about the smoke tests referring to the sewer lines. Bowen said the tests had been done by both Calvert County and the Town of North Beach; doing what was required.

The Engineer's report was not available.

Code Enforcement was not present because of other obligations.

Ms. Richardson gave her marketing report. She noted there are water conservation flyers both on the website and at Town Hall.

Ms. Garrett gave her Parks report noting there will be a nature display at Wetlands Overlook Park and on March 23, there will be a workshop with the Master Gardener's of Calvert.

Development Specialist- not present/no report

There were no public comments.

Parking Improvement was discussed. D. Bowen had prepared a summary regarding the space availability and R. Crump had done a sign inventory. It was decided that spacing and curb painting would be done first, which would bring some clarity to the spaces available and use of the spaces. This will be done before the season starts.

Signs will be moved to next month's work session. Painting will begin immediately and enforcement will be last.

The Bay Avenue light RFP was discussed. The grant we receive pays for a portion of the light replacement of the lights inside the flower beds. The RFP is out for the product; single arm or double arm lights?

The grant deadline is May. A motion was made by Dotson for the single arm lights and was not seconded. Hagen made a motion for the double arm lights and Lawton seconded. The motion carried and all voted "aye" for the double arm lights.

The Mayor gave his State of the Town address and a slide show accompanied the progress the Town has made .

Council reports were given with Dotson thanking all who attended the meeting. Hagen remarked she, Stacy and Dotson had heard 83 bills in Annapolis since Session opened. She also commented that recertification of Sustainable Maryland was in the works. Lawton remarked there were other resolutions they were working on and Hummel thanked all for coming, as did the Mayor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hagen, seconded by Dotson. All voted "aye" and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Marsha Stiner

