

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday October 21, 2019

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday October 21, 2019. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Charles Ringgold, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Friday September 20, 2019 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Craig made a motion to accept the Friday, September 20, 2019 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September Final Financials and Account Balances:

September Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Member Cooper motioned to accept the September Final Financials and Account Balances as presented. Member Zack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCEA – Frank Vari and Eileen Viars discussed their programs. Generation Station is an after school program that may have to be cut next year due to state funding being decreased by \$40,000. Currently 20 children are being served. This program serves at risk students. This program provides transportation from school and to home. Students are tutored, fed, and mentored. The program has been going on since 1999. Administrator Cooper asked if the Cecil County Board of Education would make a contribution. Not that Mrs. Viars was aware of. Mayor Zang asked what the normal budget is. Mrs. Viars said she could send it to him. Mr. Vari commented that the only 2 towns that contributed (largely) were Cecilton and Chesapeake City. A lot of students come from Elkton and North East. Discussion continued on what fundraisers the Ecumenical Association does and what programs are provided. Information was provided during the meeting. Financially they are in dire straits for financials assistance and operating costs. Donations are given in the areas of clothing, and household items but monetary donations and food donations are low. They also help Purple Heart, rotating shelters, and pregnancy centers with clothing. They do currently have people looking into grants. Administrator Cooper expressed that the request for new unwrapped toys can be added to the Town's Annual Open House

invitation and also have a box for nonperishable food items as well as gift card donations from Redner and Aldis at town hall.

Frank Vari discussed Chesapeake City's 11th Annual New Year's Day 5K (and second race in June). This race benefits the Chesapeake City Recycling Program. Proceeds pay for the once a week recycling pickup in Chesapeake City. They also ask participants to bring a non-perishable food item. They ask for sponsors to cover the cost of race setup, awards, etc. Town of Cecilton has been a sponsor in the past and will again this year. Will check with Treasurer Roland on previous amount of sponsorship.

Letter from Resident Concerning Traffic: Mayor and Council Members were given copies of the letter. Mayor Zang expressed we have seen some traffic patrols, but aren't seeing them when we have asked for them (timewise). Mayor and Administrator Cooper have in the past asked to sit with the sheriff to talk about issues like this. The traffic is something that the Town can't control. We have to work with our sheriff's department and state police. We are not seeing the type of coverage that people are needing. This is not something new. The letter is more information that can be presented to the sheriff's department. Member Ringgold asked about getting a radar speed sign. Administrator Cooper expressed that the president of the fire company had a car pushed into her front yard as a result of a car accident. Cooper contacted the sheriff's department requesting the electronic speed reader in front of Frisby's Meadows. It has been there in the past. Unfortunately, there are limited numbers of them and we are three weeks out from getting it. We will get it eventually and put out there. The electronic speed reader will give us a data report. We have been given reports in the past and it clearly shows that we have an issue. Attorney Yeager informed the council that the Town of Betterton has 2 signs that tracks the speed and the time, so that you can see if it is the same speed at the same time every day that could give us a tool that could be passed along to the sheriff's department. Cooper replied that the sheriff generates the report, so they see the results. Mayor Zang asked Frank Vari what do the signs in Chesapeake City do other than light up the speed. He replied that they get a print out. He suggested that we look into purchasing a couple. Cooper expressed that they are very expensive. Vari said that the more you buy the cheaper they are and they had gotten theirs on sale. Mayor Zang suggested that if the signs are cheaper the more you buy, then we should contact other towns (such as Galena) and buy them together. Administrator Cooper will look into that. Other ideas were discussed.

Eileen Viars asked about a virtual weigh station that is proposed. Mayor Zang replied that it will be on northbound 213 but due to sensor problems in the road it has not been started. It will not be constructed until the problems are fixed.

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy Walmsley was not able to attend. Report was reviewed and discussed. Council Member Ringgold reported that someone had told him about a blue pickup on Water Street that had 2 guys in it and they were walking back in the wooded area late at night. Administrator Cooper asked him to see if he can get more details. She will try to keep an eye out in the area.

WWTP and Water Supply Report: Operator John Neddo was not in attendance. Report was available, but the summary letter needs to be provided by Mr. Neddo.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Public Comments:

Shannon Kelly asked if there has been any progress on a meeting about the hydrants in Pearce Creek. There will be a meeting held on Wednesday, November 6th from 6 -7pm at the fire company. Mayor Zang expressed that we were still waiting on one more confirmation on that date and we will know for sure tomorrow (Tues. Oct. 22nd). Administrator Cooper commented that after Mrs. Kelly left the last meeting, she started working on this meeting and it took some time to coordinate everyone that needed to be there. Mrs. Kelly replied that the community members kept asking her and she had not heard from anyone. Mayor Zang told Mrs. Kelly that as soon as we have confirmation, they will be letting the heads of the communities know of the date and time of the meeting. Fire Chief Ernie Beck briefly commented that the comments in the Pearce Creek community was that the hydrants failed and did not work properly. Some people were concerned that the gentleman lost his house because the hydrants failed. That is 100% false. He was not personally on that call but he was coming through town when CVFC got dispatched for the call. He could see the column of smoke from the town. That gentleman's house was a total loss before the fire apparatus hit the streets. The fire hydrants worked exactly how they were supposed to. The flow in gallons per minute here in town on South Bohemia Ave. is 670 gallons per minute. Circle Drive and North Drive are 630 gallons per minute. Bay Circle the second hydrant just towards end of Edgewater Drive is 610 gallons. We do have some hydrants in town that provide 1000 gallons per minute due to the location of where they are with the tower. What he believes may have happened is that people saw Galena, a mutual aid company, come in and throw a line into the river. The river is a guaranteed water source. Mr. Beck continued to express the fact that the house burned down because the piece of equipment was put into the garage. He understands that it is devastating. He summarized that everything worked as it should have. There had seemed to be some miscommunication/misunderstanding when the first discussion were talked about when the hydrants were going in. Mr. Beck was on the first 4 meetings himself. The only thing the fire department can't do with those hydrants is hook up to the hydrant and pull 1250 gallons per minute. Mrs. Kelly indicated that she knows that now, but other community members do not know this (particularly new members) and that is why the community meeting is so important so that they have a full understanding. Mr. Beck provided Mrs. Kelly with his personal number if she had any other questions and pass it along to anyone who feels that something went wrong so he can talk to them. Administrator Cooper let Mrs. Kelly know that AECOM, who was responsible for the design, will be attending the meeting. Mayor Zang expressed that AECOM has been at every single meeting that the community has attended since the beginning of the Pearce Creek Project. Discussion continued on what was stored in the garage that started the fire and is it safe to store lawn equipment in a garage. Member DeVary asked what did they (Pearce Creek community) do before water was ran down there. You would have 4 tankers. They can pump 1500 -2000 gallons a minute. They pump what they carry. CVFC's tanker is only 3500 gallons, Hack's Point is 3200, and Galena is 2700. Now with the hydrants you have 2 water services. Mayor Zang reiterated that the design and layout of the hydrants were designed to help the fire companies fight fires with the apparatus they have. Mr. Beck was thanked for coming out tonight's meeting.

Good of the Order:

Cecilton Elementary's Trunk and Treat is October 29th from 6 – 8pm at the carnival grounds. We will participate in decorating a trunk.

Trick and Treating for the town will be October 31st from 6 – 8pm. Town Hall will be open for a time period. Member Cooper suggested that may instead of having town hall open, maybe give out candy at the community center.

Town of Cecilton's Open House will be Thursday, December 5th at the fire company. It is hosted at the fire company this year because Miss Becky is going to be 105 in December and we figured we may have more

people than previously. We want to make sure we can house everyone. It has been tight the past couple of years. It is designed to be an open house where people come in and out and many people come in and stay for the whole thing. We will also be celebrating Mr. Jimmy's birthday.

Town of Cecilton's Newsletter was reviewed.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and curves.

Joseph A. Zarg, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Quinn' in a cursive style.

Teresa Quinn