

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

JUNE 14, 2018

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, June 12, 2018 with Mayor John Dorman presiding and was called to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor John Dorman
Councilwoman Latoya Purnell
Councilwoman Jenny Hall
Councilwoman Alison Cook

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager
Trish Goodsell, Asst. to the Town Manager
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Cindy Byrd, Museum Director
Tom Davis, Chief of Police

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

Mayor Dorman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation from Councilwoman Purnell.

ELECTION RESULTS

Melissa Etnoyer, Chairperson for the Board of Elections Supervisors presented the official results from the May 1, 2018 election. John “Charlie” Dorman received 205 votes and Brian Gilliland received 109 votes. Councilwoman Alison Cook ran unopposed.

SWEARING IN OF CANDIDATES

Eric Mullins with the Worcester County Clerk of the Court office officially swore in John “Charlie” Dorman and Alison Cook to serve another two-year term of office.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for May 2018 by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Dorman questioned if room tax was being paid on the town AIRBNB's. Mrs. Pruitt responded that it is an honor system to register and then pay taxes; however, payments are made to the County, not the town.

A motion was given to approve the Finance Report for May 2018 by Councilwoman Purnell 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.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mrs. Pruitt highlighted the paving projects that are scheduled in town. By the end of June, Burroughs Street and Washington (between Federal and Martin) Street will be paved. Beginning in July, the following streets will be paved: Stevens Street; Coulbourn Lane; Cypress Lane; and Dighton Avenue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

No questions or comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No questions or comments.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Barfield advised that the paving projects will be done as follows: the first section will be done next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The second section will begin on Thursday and once completed, they will move on to Church Street. He asked that the areas being paved be avoided for travel.

Mr. Barfield announced that the Worcester County Fair may change the date of their event due to the standing water in Byrd Park. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Independence Day celebration for the town on June 30th.

WWTP REPORT

No questions or comments.

MUSEUM REPORT

Dr. Byrd reported that staff is focusing this month on local churches for information to be included in the cultural heritage book.

The museum received a new artifact, an antique ballot box, from resident Mike Farlow.

The museum was awarded a small grant from the Worcester County Arts Council for FY19.

POLICE REPORT

No questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2018-01 PNC Bank Purchase

A Resolution was presented approving the purchase contract between PNC Bank and the Town of Snow Hill for the property located at 309 N. Washington Street. The purchase price is \$268,060.06.

A motion was given to approve the purchasing contract by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

2. Snow Hill Library Committee – Funding Request

Mayor Dorman advised the Town received a request for funding for \$40,000 from the Beulah Riley account. Councilwoman Cook serves on this committee and there are no questions or concerns regarding this request.

A motion was given to approve the funding request by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

3. Business Loan – Regina Fletcher

Regina Fletcher has opened Flawless Dry Cleaners at 109 Pearl Street and applied for a loan. The funds of \$438.00 will be used toward a new rack and rolling cart.

A motion was given to approve the loan application by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

4. Committee Reappointments

A request to reappoint the following members of the Board of Elections Supervisors was given: Melissa Etnoyer; Pauline Rogers; and Nellie Purnell.

A motion was given to reappoint the members of the Board of Elections Supervisors by Councilwoman Purnell and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

A request to reappoint the following members of the Housing Review Board was given: Michael Labesky and Sylvester Dale.

A motion was given to reappoint the members of the Housing Review Board by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Purnell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. An Opioid Meeting is being held on June 26th at the old Fire Training Building in Newark, 8:30am. Councilwoman Hall will attend.
2. Saturday, June 16th is the Return to Goat Island paddleboard races in Byrd Park.
3. The Primary election is being held on June 26th. Mayor Dorman encouraged everyone to vote.
4. June 30th is the Independence Day celebration in Snow Hill and is also First Friday weekend.
5. Mayor Dorman encouraged everyone to be safe while traveling, as this coming weekend is the Firefly Festival in Dover and the OC Air Show in Ocean City. Next week is the Firemen's Convention in Ocean City.
6. Mayor Dorman requested the Town Council network with Pocomoke Council members to encourage video lottery funds to be disbursed to all towns.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

No comments or questions.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1. Resident Carolyn Brown asked if there could be notice provided prior to the paving projects beginning. Mr. Barfield will request signs from SHA to post in the areas and Mrs. Goodsell will contact the news stations to request notice on the crawl feed.
2. Resident Margaret Cylc questioned why there was no police presence, as requested at the Veteran's Day celebration. Chief Davis advised that the officer in charge had a death in the family and the officer filling in was not aware. He advised this has been taken care of for future concerns.
3. Carolyn Brown questioned the cost to renovate the PNC bank building. Mayor Dorman advised the town does not have a final cost and staff plans to apply for grants to assist with this and possibly the purchase.
4. Resident Orneva Allen voiced several concerns, as follows:
 - Maple Street now has more children present due to school letting out. They ride scooters and are not easily visible to traffic, especially those who drive fast. She requested police patrol the area for safety. Chief Davis will address the issue with his officers.

- The light on Coulbourne Lane near Market Street is not working correctly and is only active occasionally. Staff will get the pole number and contact DP&L to request a repair.
- Ms. Allen questioned if a business is going where China Moon was on E. Market Street. Mrs. Pruitt advised that this property has been purchased by a private party.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Goodsell, Asst. to Town Manager