

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

MAY 8, 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, May 8, 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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Goodsell, Asst. to the Town Manager
Jon Hill, Code Enforcement Officer
John Holloway, EMS Supervisor
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 Trish Goodsell.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for April 2018 by Councilwoman Hall and was seconded by Councilwoman Purnell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was given to approve the Finance Report for April 2018 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: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mayor Dorman announced that Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager will be retiring effective June 29, 2018 after 30 years of employment.

Trish Goodsell highlighted that Jerry Showell, Public Works will be retiring effective July 1st after 40 years of employment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

No questions or comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Jon Hill commented it has been a busy month, with lots of development and improvements. He added that grass violation notices are on the rise.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No questions or comments.

WWTP REPORT

Mayor Dorman announced that Joe Fuchsluger, Water Superintendent resigned after five weeks employment. Mrs. Goodsell added that he accepted a position that offered a higher salary.

MUSEUM REPORT

Dr. Byrd reported that work on the cultural heritage book for Snow Hill is coming along well.

FIRE / EMS REPORT

John Holloway announced that the Snow Hill Fire Company has decided to manage themselves and will release themselves from the agreement they have with the Town effective June 1, 2018. Mr. Holloway advised that he will still be available to attend meetings, as needed, and will continue to submit budget requests annually.

POLICE REPORT

No questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2018-02 Secondary Water Meters

Mrs. Goodsell read the Ordinance into record. This Ordinance will amend Chapter 193 “Water and Sewers”, Section 193-22 “Use of Meters” to allow customers to purchase secondary water meters to not be billed for sewage usage on that meter. It addresses two types offered: a permanent radio read meter, such as the meters installed for irrigation systems, or an outside water meter that connects to the garden hose. This meter must be purchased through the town, at an estimated cost of \$80-\$105.

A motion was given to adopt the Ordinance 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: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

2. Ordinance No. 2018-03 Trash Carts and Water/Sewer Rates

Mrs. Goodsell read the Ordinance into record. This Ordinance will amend Chapter 131 to amend fees related to trash roll carts and water and sewer rates. The water and sewer rates will be increased over a three-year period reflecting the minimum gallonage changed from 7,000 to 6,000 and an increase in both water and sewer rates. Secondary water meters that attached to the garden hose will have a fee of \$5.00 per quarter and permanent radio read meters will not have a fee. Trash roll cart fees will increase from \$5.00 per quarter to \$20.00 per quarter. This is an introduction and the Ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next town meeting.

Mayor Dorman reiterated that the costs to run the new plant continue to increase and the requirements of the State is that the plant pays for itself. This is the reasoning behind having to raise water and sewer rates. Both Council women voiced their reluctance to raise the cost, as it has been a difficult but necessary action.

A motion was given to adopt the Ordinance by Councilwoman Hall and was seconded by Councilwoman Purnell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

3. Ordinance No. 2018-04 Annual Budget FY18-19

Mrs. Goodsell read the Ordinance into record. This Ordinance adopts the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. There will not be an increase in taxes this year. A copy of the proposed budget was attached for review. This is an introduction and the Ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next town meeting.

A motion was given to adopt the Ordinance 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: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Business Loan – Mike Hargis

Mike Hargis purchased the former Tony's Paint and Auto Body on Timmons Street and now has his own automotive service business. He has applied for \$10,000 to be used toward construction in the building, using a front-end loader as collateral. The recommendation is to approve his loan request.

A motion was given to approve the loan application by Councilwoman Hall and was seconded by Councilwoman Purnell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 2 in favor; 0 opposed.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Dorman announced an event scheduled for May 26th at Byrd Park for opioid awareness. Sean Johnson added that this event is outreach for the opioid epidemic, with a call to action. There will be food, information, and a free concert during the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm.

2. The Harvest Church pantry will be in Byrd Park on May 19th for a free food distribution from 11am – 1pm.
3. Mayor Dorman thanked everyone who voted in the recent election and commented that he wished more people participated in the voting process.
4. The Iron Furnace 50 will be Saturday, May 12th with 275 riders already signed up.
5. The Lions Club BBQ and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilwoman Hall asked Chief Davis if the reported calls for overdose required the use of Narcan. Chief Davis advised they did not and there were no fatalities.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No questions or comments.

Trish Goodsell pointed out the information in the meeting packets regarding skin cancer, as May is National Skin Cancer Awareness month. She encouraged everyone to use sun screen and pay attention to any new or abnormal moles.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Goodsell, Asst. to Town Manager