

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 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

Trish Goodsell, Asst. to the Town Manager
Jon Hill, Code Enforcement Officer
Jordy Kuczak, Economic Development/Events Coordinator
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Russ Harrison, WWTP Superintendent
Cindy Byrd, Museum Director

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for September 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: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was given to approve the Finance Report for September 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. Goodsell reminded residents of the Fall Clean Up Day scheduled for October 22nd, adding that the flyer Public Works staff distributed specifies limits on pickup amounts.

Mayor Dorman commented that the State will hopefully announce the approval of grant funding this month for the application the Town submitted for the PNC Bank building acquisition. He stated that he is

aware he upset many people with the purchase but it prevented the County from purchasing the building to relocate the Tourism office. He has been advised that the Town has been approved for funding but does not know the amount, although was told we would be happy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mayor Dorman stated that he worked with Mrs. Kuczak this weekend on the car show and that she has brought a lot of energy to the position and the town, thanking her for her efforts.

Mrs. Kuczak encouraged everyone to attend the Oktoberfest event on October 20th from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mayor Dorman requested an update on the Purnell House. Mr. Hill advised that the design plans took longer than expected; however, things are moving forward.

Mr. Hill advised that the demolition process for vacant/blighted homes is moving slower than he hoped. Councilwoman Hall asked what the process is for delinquent properties. Mr. Hill responded that, per the Town Code he notifies properties owners of issues, providing them 60 days to respond/correct/address the issues. After this, a demolition order can be provided, with another time frame for a response.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Barfield added that residents should not put out bulk items for the Town Clean Up Day until the night before October 22nd.

WWTP REPORT

Mayor Dorman commented that things at the plant appear to be shaping up. Mr. Harrison stated that they have made a great deal of changes, all of which are for the better.

MUSEUM REPORT

Dr. Byrd encouraged attendance for Fiber Fest this coming Saturday. She expressed that she has been in competition with Berlin's Fall Festival for vendors and encouraged any vendors to contact her to participate.

Dr. Byrd reported that she will be interviewed on Delmarva Live tomorrow morning, which should air at 5:00pm. She will promote Snow Hill during her time.

POLICE REPORT

In Chief Davis' absence, Mayor Dorman commented that he saw all the police officers out working Seagull Century on Saturday, as well as other agencies assisting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reappointment – Richard Mitchell, Ethics Commission

The term of Richard Mitchell on the Ethics Commission will expire December 1, 2018. A motion was given by Councilwoman Hall to reappoint Mr. Mitchell to the Commission. The motion 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 COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Cook advised that the Homecoming Football Parade will be Friday around 6:00pm. The parade route will be from Byrd Park to Market to Church Street, ending at the high school.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1. Resident Sylvester Bratten advised that Mt. Zion Church will be having their Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 13th from 11:00am – 4:00pm. An area of Dighton Avenue near the church hall will be closed during the event.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Dorman thanked everyone for attending and advised that he was submitting his resignation, effective October 31, 2018. He read his letter into record and provided a copy to Mrs. Goodsell.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Goodsell, Assistant Town Manager