

**TOWN OF CECILTON**

**Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting  
Thursday, June 14, 2018**

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session Meeting in Town Hall on Thursday June 14, 2018. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Danielle Zack, Member  
Craig DeVary, Member

Mike Cooper, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND ACT:**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member DeVary made a motion to accept the Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**May Preliminary Financials and Account Balances:**

May Preliminary Financials and Account Balances were presented. No questions regarding the financials.

**Public Hearing for Budget FY 2019.**

Member Cooper motioned to go into a public hearing for the Budget FY2019. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried. This is Mayor and Council's second review of the budget. No questions were asked concerning the General Budget. No questions were asked concerning the Enterprise Budget. Member Cooper motioned to accept the Cecilton Enterprise FY2019 Budget and the Cecilton General FY2019 Budget as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried. Budget was passed.

Member Cooper motioned to go out of Public Hearing and to go back to regular meeting. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Town Lot on Church Street/ Basketball Hoop:**

Administrator Cooper expressed that several weeks ago there was a portable basketball hoop on Church Street. Town staff tried a great lengths to locate the owner and have it removed to their property. Owner was not able to be located and it could not be on the public sidewalk. Unfortunately, we took the hoop away to the Town shop in hopes that someone would claim it and enjoy it at their home. Someone brought it back to the street and we removed it again. Hunter Gatewood contacted the Town and expressed feelings about how it was a shame that it had to be removed since it was something constructive for the kids on the back streets to do, especially those that could not get to the Town Park. He would like to purchase a basketball hoop and put it on the town vacant lot adjacent to the church on Church Street and that way the kids would not be on the sidewalk or the street. Administrator Cooper told Mr. Gatewood that she would bring it to Mayor and Council for their approval. Mayor Zang expressed liability issues concerns being that the Town owns the property. Mayor Zang expressed that he does not want the kids to not have something to do, but the park is not that far and that it tends not to be little kids that play basketball. Administrator Cooper replied that they don't seem to be little children,

but young enough that they are not allowed to cross 213/282 to get to the park. Questions arose concerning the parking on Sundays, liability, and insurance issues. The possibility of putting up a basketball hoop at the Annex property was considered. It was mentioned that maybe many residents do not know that the playground at the Annex is for community use and that could be more publicized. The idea of a basketball court at that property could also be considered for the new housing/learning center project. It would help to have the west side of town to have access to the playground and a basketball court. Having a crosswalk at the intersection of Routes 213 and 282 would be something to continue to work with the State Highway Administration, so that the children from the west side of town have easy and safe access to the park. Administrator Cooper has expressed her desire for a crosswalk to the SHA and will continue to work on that. No basketball hoop on the vacant lot at Church Street at this time. The possibility of putting the hoop temporarily at end of Rickards Street since it is a dead end street was discussed.

#### **Night at the Races:**

Cecilton Lions Club would like the Town to sponsor a full page ad and table. Mayor and Council agreed to sponsor an ad and a table.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **154 Church Street Sewer Hookup:**

Kristi Abdussalaam expressed that her and her husband purchased their home at 154 Church Street in 2015 under the assumption that they were hooked up to the Town sewer system. To come to find out, the house had its own septic. That was only found out after the drain field was put in failed and then the septic backed up into the house and they thought it was a blockage from the sewer line to the Town main line. After calling Roto Rooter found the septic cap and the drain field. When they purchased the house and did a walk around, they did not see a septic or any indication that they were not hooked up to the sewer. Abdussalaam's indicated that they had the paper where the lady that sold them house checked off where the connection was. Roto Rooter uncovered the septic cap, pumped it off, and identified their septic goes into the tank. Mayor Zang expressed that this is a difficult situation in to physically connect from the Town line to the home is the responsibility of the homeowner. What is normally done is to charge the hook up fee. In this situation, the Abdussalaams are not in control of and the Town could not tell whether or not the previous owner(s) did or did not pay that fee. The assumption would be that they did, but it was never connected for whatever reason. It was decided that we would not charge them a hook up fee, but they would pay for physically hooking up. They would pay for the physical work to be done from their house to our main line. Mayor Zang questioned who the realtors were that handled the sale. The owner in 1962 would have been the one responsible for the connection. They will need a plumber to look under the house for that goes out of the house and into the septic and then connect from the front of the house to our main. Mayor Zang expressed to call three plumbers and get estimates for the physical hookup. (A credit was given earlier to them for the years they have been paying for Town sewer services.) Once they have the estimates, bring them back to the Town and we will look at the cost of the last 3 years of use by the former owners. That could be a potential credit that could be used for the hookup cost. Town staff can provide names of local plumbers, but will not recommend one.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

##### **Public Comments:**

Fredus and Brenda Craig had questions concerning the senior housing project. Mayor Zang and Administrator Cooper went over the proposal and referenced the drawing of the new learning center, 20 senior apartments, retail space, and road connections.

**Good of the Order:**

Thank you shared from Miss Becky Smith for the bench dedication.

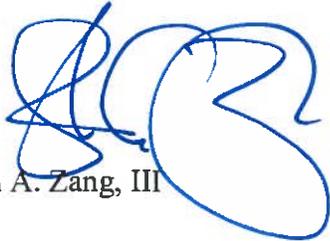
Mr. and Mrs. Craig expressed that they did not know anything about it and would have liked to be there.

Administrator Cooper commented that with the next dedication, we will do an all call alert.

Met with Dave Segemark about erecting a flag pole at the cemetery dedicated to Brandon Michael Craig and a bench in honor all the veterans buried at there. The VFW expressed donating a flag pole to the Union Bethel cemetery and putting a bench in honor of those veterans buried there. We will be asking for donations from the community, so that the churches do not have to carry all the financial responsibility.

Mr. Craig questioned the possibility of people out of town hooking up to the Town water line that has been run for the Pearce Creek project, because his daughter's well is contaminated. Mayor Zang expressed that not anyone can hookup to that line. Mr. Craig's daughter would have to contact the health department and they give us the recommendation that the well is contaminated and if she has exhausted all her means to drill another well, then she may be eligible to hookup. Mayor Zang recommend that they contact to the health department.

**ADJOURN**



Joseph A. Zang, III

Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Teresa Quinn