

TOWN OF CECILTON

**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday, January 7, 2019 Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Member DeVary made a motion to accept the Monday, January 7, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

December Final Financials and Account Balances:

December Final Financials and Account Balances were presented. Member Cooper made a motion to accept December Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation: Senior Village and Child Learning Center. Planning and Zoning Commission held their meeting on the Final Subdivision and PUD Plans. There were no negative thoughts on the plans from the Commission. Mayor and Council's job is to make a motion to accept the plans or not. Member DeVary made a motion to accept the Cecilton Senior Village Final PUD Plan. Member Zack made a motion to accept the 233 South Bohemia Final Subdivision Plan. Member Cooper seconded the Final PUD Plan and the Final Subdivision Plan. No discussion. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Ditch System: Administrator Cooper presented pictures of the ditch system behind residence of Center Street adjacent to the Cecil County Yard. Received two complaints about discarded items in town ditch systems. Pictures showed discarded mattress, containers, milk crates, etc. Bringing this to the attention of Mayor and Council so that staff can handle it the way they would prefer. Thoughts about an all call or letter to residents, asking them not dispose of items in the ditch system since they serve a purpose. Member Cooper expressed if there were any bags of trash that perhaps they may have mail with the culprits name on it. Mayor recommended using all call and letters to be able to reach everyone. Member DeVary brought up if the tenants of an adjacent property were the culprits for the trash, would the property owners be responsible for cleanup. The property owners would be responsible, but it would be difficult to identify who actually discarded the items unless we

actually saw them or found something with their name on it. Resident Obenshein asked about if the ditch runs into the Sassafras River. Yes, that ditch system goes to the Sassafras.

Flourinated Water – Dr. Bruce Obenshein: Wanted to present the idea of fluorinating town water. Reason for recommendation (American Dental Association, American Medical Association, and Centers for Disease Control) is to decrease dental decay. It is most effective for children 12 and under. 96% of the people in Maryland drink fluorinated water. Maryland has the 5th highest national rate of fluorination within all the states. When Obenshein started practice in Cecil County and worked part time in well child clinic at that point only Port Deposit had fluorinated water. He is now with the understanding that has changed. He has heard second hand from Dr. Eric VanVerooy that North East, Chesapeake City, portions of Elkton, and a community north of Elkton has fluorinated water. Benefits are pretty clear. The cost per capita is more in smaller communities than larger ones. It is estimated that the lifetime of fluorinating water for one resident is less than the cost of one dental filling. There has been a number of studies done over the years proving the benefit of it, going back to 1945.

Obenshein opened for questions. Mayor Zang indicated that the first thing to do was to talk to the Town Engineers to find out if the benefit is great. Zang wonders why the system (2016) is not designed for fluoride. Would also like to check with the health department and other municipalities that use it. Also have to look at the effects on an older municipal water supply (ground, not facility). Obenshein provided some second hand (patient of Dr. VanVerooy familiar with process) information about cost. This information gave an estimated of \$5,000 to make the addition to the water system. Obenshein believes that even if it was double or triple that costs it would be worthwhile. Need 2 saturation feeders at \$3500, test kits that would need to be replaced at \$2000, and automatic monitoring system \$3000. There are also ongoing cost. Fluoride is usually added in one of three forms, sodium fluoride (powder form that used in vitamins for children), acid form (handle with care/caustic but with proper handling is the most common form for municipalities to use), and third form (Obenshein could not recall the third form at the time.) Zang indicated that our system is very state of the art. He indicated that there are 3 points that need to be have injection, main plant and two injections stations. They have new state of the art monitoring systems in them, but do not know if they can handle fluoride or not. Mayor and Council is interested to learn more. Obenshein indicated that one source of information could be the Town of Chesapeake City to see their cost. Zang replied that Chesapeake City buys their water from Artesian, therefore, does not inject fluoride themselves. Their water comes already treated. The same with the city of Elkton. Need to know the effects it has on our waste water. Obenshein indicated recommendation for fluoride in municipal water have decreased from 1 to 1.2 parts per million to 0.7 parts per million. The previous level was from the 1970s and the decrease is due to more people brushing with fluoride toothpaste/mouthwash. It is tasteless and odorless. Question on how many people actually drink the town water. Obenshein indicated that there is a halo effect that when a community fluorinates water. It impacts others, like children at school, food prepared with water at school and restaurants, drinking soda from the soda fountains. Administrator Cooper asked, "Have you thought about those that opposed to fluoride? Their children may be attending the school." Obenshein, "Same as true to Chesapeake City, since fluorinated water is supplied to Chesapeake City Elementary and Bohemia Manor Middle and High Schools."

Mayor Zang asked about the negatives. Council Member Zack questioned that if we fluorinated the water in Cecilton would we need to get some kind of consent? Administrator Cooper replied, "Would have to apply for permitting through MDE. Would need to inform the entire town that water would fluorinating." "No need resident consent?"

“Would have to check with the town attorney.”

“Does fluoride an essential nutrients?” “No.”

How does it affect infants or animals that drink the fluorinated water? How would it impact the family if they drink town water? Basic impact is pretty much zero except for the fluorination of the teeth. There is one exception. There is a condition called fluorosis. This is a discoloration of the teeth and in a more extreme form there is superficial pitting of the teeth. This depends on the concentration of the fluoride in the water. There are parts of the country that have natural high concentrations of fluoride in their water. Not in this area. Basically areas that have underlying stone formations that have fluoride in them. That is how they first discovered how fluorination of water could protect from dental caries. Mild fluorosis can only be detected by dental professionals and has no cosmetic significance (Obenshein quoting from research). It affects about 25% of people in communities fluorinating water. Other than the fact that it can be detected there is no significance. There is a lot of things that opponents of fluorination say. Provided websites in his information. Obenshein has looked at them and pursued some of the studies that they quote. He is not convinced and neither is the Center for Disease Control, US Public Health Service, the American Dental Association, American Medical Association and other professional organizations.

Obenshein continued by stating, most people drink water and other liquids proportional to their thirst. It is self regulating for almost all people with a few exceptions. Very few people for medical reasons need to limit their water. If you don't need to drink a certain quantity a day, thirst is a good guide for most people. A bottle fed baby with formula mixed with fluoride water will get a certain amount of fluoride proportional to what they are taking which is proportional to their body size. Someone older will get more. The level is set at 0.7 which is conservatively low now.

Mayor Zang said that we have one main source and the further you get from the source you will have less treatment you have, so would those close to the source get more fluoride? Would that be a problem?

Obenshein: Has to be tested. Initially when a system is brought online the testing is done more frequently. Then as it has proved that it is running okay, then it is tested less often. There are automatic monitoring systems. As to the quantity of fluoride, decreasing the farther it runs from the treatment plant, conceptually he cannot say.

Obenshein: How is the water chlorinated? Zang: It is injected. That is why there are injections stations further down the line. Within town, there does not need additional inject because the chlorine is consistent. He assumes that fluoride would work the same way. Obenshein: was not sure on that then. Zang explained how the chlorination within the water plant works, based on water flow, monitoring. Obenshein: Does not know how fluoride would work. Chlorine can volatize. Fluoride dissolves. It is something that is deemed safe for pets.

No other questions at this time. Mayor, Council, Town Staff will talk with AECOM, MDE, health department, and other municipalities to get more additional information. Obenshein provide some copies of information on the subject to Mayor and Council. Dr. Obenshein was thanked for coming and providing the information.

Town Park: Administrator Cooper shared that the most important thing to share that as a result of the incident that happened in the park that the Mayor and herself immediately started talking about ways to improve things directly associated with the park. One of the things agreed upon was to improve the lighting, even though the incident happened during the day. To be proactive they have been in touch with Delmarva Power with a field tech out of the Centreville office. They are going to talk about a strategic way to place the lighting so to light up the park the best way possible. Mayor is currently looking into some cameras. One thing that Cooper wanted to

share and clear up is that folks think that the police were not responsive enough or were not around when the incident took place. It is important to know that the Sheriff Deputy was indeed in town at that time, but was not called about the incident. In order for us to get police involved and support, we must call them. Otherwise they don't know and we can't blame them for that. Mayor Zang explained that he and Cooper did have a meeting with Sheriff Adams and Lieutenant Stanko and talked about different things that would allow them more power to stop people if they saw them in the park. With the park being lit up, people will start to automatically think that they can use the park at night. So we are going to probably replicate the sign that the school system uses that basically says if you are there after sunset you could be arrested for trespassing. The police are willing to do that, but we have to have the sign posted. This has been something that has been proven to legally work. Cameras will be situated in various locations. Some will be portable and some will not. Trespassing on the park will no longer be allowed to continue. We are going to go far out and protect the people who use the park and protect the citizens of the town.

Member Zack asked, "Is there was no longer two deputies down south of bridge at all times?"

Mayor Zang answered, "No and there never were. Elk Forest round and south are considered the southern part of the county. There is not enough man power to do that." Zang and Cooper have had that discussion with the Sheriff. We are going to make sure they have all the tools they need to get the information they need. We need more participation from local business and parents/guardians.

Member DeVary, expressed that we could post the sign and maybe send out an all call with the information. Mayor Zang said once the signs are out, then a letter and an all call should be sent out to inform every one of the policy. Administrator Cooper also said that it would be on Facebook and our website, so everyone is informed. Moving forward we will be discussing with the town attorney banning anyone from our property who behaves inappropriately and/or breaking the law on town property.

Sheriff Adams will be doing a virtual Town Hall in February for the county and then in March will have him do a Town Hall here in town.

OLD BUSINESS:

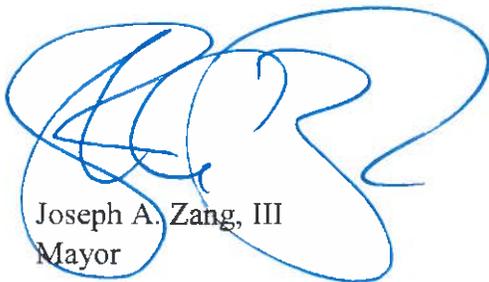
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Public Comments: None

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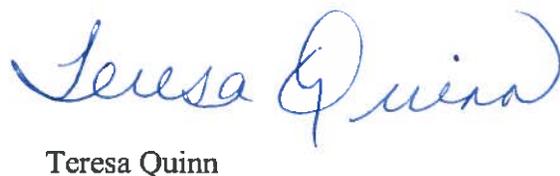
MD5 Challenger Letter: Asking for donation. Gave donation of \$100 last year. Consensus to make a donation.

ADJOURN



Joseph A. Zang, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Teresa Quinn