

## TOWN OF CECILTON

### Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Monday April 15, 2019

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, April 15, 2019. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **REVIEW AND ACT:**

##### **Monday, March 18, 2019 Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member Cooper made a motion to accept the Monday, March 18, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### **March Final Financials and Account Balances:**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vic Priapi Land Sale:** Vic Priapi, owner and operator of Priapi Gardens introduced himself and his wife (silent partner). He stated that he has been in business for 16 years and in that time developed and ran a successful home and garden center and vegetable farm. He started in 2003. He expressed that this type of business runs 24/7 and they are now ready to slow down and sell. They started last year putting the word out quietly without involving a realtor to try to find someone who would buy the business as turnkey. Where they would take the operation over and continue it as they ran it. He passed out testimonials of folks whose lives they have affected over the years in running their business. Mr. Priapi introduced his realtor, BJ Kilby from EXIT Reality. Mr. Priapi has used him in the past for previous transactions. They tried selling it by word of mouth and had someone close to buying it, but that did not pan out. That is when they turned it over to a realtor. Their main goal is to sell the property and business as is. They don't know if that is possible or if that will happen. If it does not, they would love to be able to work with the Town and find a way that a perspective buyer could have a business that something the Town might need or want and keep things going in the direction that they have been whether a grocery store, drugstore, a church or something like that. Over the years, he has talked to the Mayor about different possibilities/scenarios. At this time they do not know where it is going and at this point in time they are getting their feet wet and getting into the whole process. Just wanted to present to the board and the Mayor this evening to let them know where they are in this point and time. Mr. Priapi stated he would be happy to answer any questions there might be. Mayor Zang expressed the Town would hate to see them go. Mr. Priapi stated that they aren't going anywhere yet, just slowing down. Mrs. Priapi expressed that their business has been a great experience and they have gotten to know the people in town. They would not have changed it for anything and the other good thing is that they think that they have made a positive contribution to the Town.

They have hired a lot of the local kids and who have written these beautiful notes on how they have made a positive impact on them working there. The Priapi are glad that they did it and so is the Mayor and Council. Member DeVary asked if they have had any interest in the property. Mr. Priapi indicated that they had one person interested before they got a realtor involved. That person was interested in the retail part of it but his circumstances changed.

February DMR Report: Mayor Zang looked for the letter in the report. He noticed that the report was different than the last one. The letter just tells if there are any issues. Mayor Zang asked Administrator Cooper to ask Operator Singh to provide them a letter like he did last time. An overview so they know if there is any major issues. Looking at the report it does not look like any issues.

Cecilton Elementary Fun Run – Clerk Teresa Quinn reported that Cecilton Elementary will be conducting a Color Fun Run fundraising event. The run will start and end at the carnival grounds. At this time, the exact route was not known, but runs would go from the carnival grounds into the park, into Frisbys Meadows, into Parklands and back out to the carnival grounds. The principal of the school is working on getting the fire police to direct traffic. The color packets will only be throw at the park and carnival grounds. There will be no color packets in Frisbys or Parklands. They will use paint to mark the routes at the park and carnival grounds and use colored chalk for the development and apartments. Other than people running, there will not be a disturbance. There will be a DJ at the carnival grounds to pump everyone up. They are looking at doing some kind of activity, like yoga, at the start or finish. The Lions Club will be providing hot dogs and possibly the Ruritan providing bottles of water. It is a community event and a fundraiser for them. It was indicated by Meghan (Meghan Pugh, principal) that with our help (The Town) with the event that they would make a donation towards the bench campaign. Early registration is now and if you register early you will get to pick the size of your t-shirt. Later registration, people will have to choose their t-shirt from what was already ordered. Asked the Town to purchase cups for the water station. Mayor Zang asked how will it benefit the school. It is a fundraiser, do not know what they have planned with the money. Member Cooper expressed that in the past they have used some money for smartboards. Clerk Quinn indicated that she was not aware of what the money would be used for. Member Cooper said that at one time the school was talking about a new sign out front. They were also doing this as a culminating and family activity for their run club. They plan to have everything wrapped up by noon. Parking would be in the same area as Trunk or Treat was. The Town will provide trash cans and port a potty as well as making sure the area was mowed. May need Maintenance Personnel, Jay Paxson, for parking. Encouraged the school to use the fire department for directing traffic across the street, since they are trained. Mayor Zang suggested letting the Sheriff's Department know of the event. No further questions were asked. Administrator Cooper thanked Clerk Quinn for attending the Color Fun Run meetings and being the liason between them and the Town.

Town Yard Sale – Member Zack was unable to attend but gave the information to Administrator Cooper. Member Zack had been contacted by resident Laura Mayse about the idea of a Cecilton Yard Sale. The entire town would have the opportunity to have items out for sale all in the same day. She would also approach local businesses to offer some kind of the discount on that day. Sioux Trading Post, Pizza House, Cecilton Pizza, and Royal Farms would offer something special on yard sale day. It would be like a big day for folks to come to town, visit all the yard sales, and eat at our local eateries. Administrator Cooper did ask who would spear head it. Member Zack was not sure if Mrs. Mayse was just sharing the idea and spear heading the event or just sharing the idea. Also did not know if the fire department would want to do a chicken dinner or something. Member Cooper expressed that they do not do those anymore because the board of health changed on that. You have to have running water so many feet away from where you are cooking the chicken. Suggestion that may be

even have a couple of food trucks in. This event will be put back on the next agenda, so Member Zack can provide more information about who would spear head it. Administrator Cooper indicated that she liked the food truck idea but would not want it to impact what Sioux Trading Post, Cecilton Pizza, or Pizza House might do that day. Any idea of a date? No date had been shared at this time. Idea is in the early stages.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy AJ Walmsley was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor and Members did have a report to review. Lot more calls were noticed. Two warrants were served.

Mental Illness Awareness Month: Mayor Zang expressed that he had a young lady, junior in Appoquinimink High School, reach out to him. She is promoting awareness of mental health in our area. She provided Mayor and Council with a certificate of recognition so that they could join forces with her and other people to make May Mental Health Awareness Month. With Mayor and Council Members permission, they would have a proclamation and put it on the Town website. Also give her a copy for her records. Member DeVary made a motion to accept Certificate of Recognition for the Mental Awareness Month. Member Cooper seconded the motion. Motion accepted to move ahead with the Certificate of Recognition for the Mental Awareness Month which would be May. Administrator Cooper will also contact the health department to see what services are available to people locally in relation to mental health and we can share that information on the Facebook page as well as the Town website. If they have materials that could be available at town hall. So that people would know what their resources are if they are in need of help. Mayor Zang also suggested that we could put up some green ribbons for that awareness, for the month of May.

Proclamation – Kids to Park Day: Saturday May 18, 2019. It is proclamation. The Town has done this in the past. Member Cooper made a motion to accept the proclamation for Mayor and Council for National Kids to Park Day Saturday, May 18, 2019 as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Color of Water Tank: There is a maintenance agreement with our water tower and it is time for repainting. There is an option to change color from white to another color. Resident Stephen Dumphily asked if they (painters) will be blasting the old paint off. Mayor Zang replied that he did not know how they do it and that will need to be found out. The company has an encapsulation process if they do. There quite a few colors that we can choose from. Administrator Cooper said that they have to let the painters know by 9:00 pm tonight (April 15<sup>th</sup>). The painter came into Town Hall today and wanted them to pick a color. Cooper let him know that it had to be presented to Mayor and Council and that there was a meeting this evening. She would let him know the color and order it. Mayor Zang asked when they were going to schedule it. Treasurer Roland indicated that they would be painting next week. Mayor Zang asked when did we find out about it? Today. He indicated that they may not be painting it next week then. Treasurer Roland indicated that they had called this past Thursday and gave his number. Said that they would be in the area. Mayor indicated that that would be up to him (painter). There was a national crew and would be in Maryland at this time. Mayor said that we should not have to be in a hurry to make and decision and there are some things to think about. He asked, "Number 1, what are they doing about the seal?" It is not know. That seal was very expensive to put on. Administrator Cooper suggested that they call the painter right now while everyone is present. Mayor: "Will can ask him some questions but not picking a color. We just can't. There is an awful lot to go into that." Member DeVary expressed that they will need to have environmental et, etc. The company does all that. Called was made. Question was asked of what happens to the seal on the tower. The logo will be done over in the same colors. Unless there is change through us. Are you going to blast the tower? No we will just pressure wash it. Power tool it with power tools and needle guns with wherever it needs it. Where the paint is chipped and where it is down to rust. Spot clean it. Then overcoat it. The tank is in beautiful shape. Don't know when the last time it

was over coated. Other than the paint flaking from weathering, it is in great shape. Mayor Zang replied that 2006 was the last time it was painted.

Every 12 – 15 years is about right for this area.

Can we choose any color in the book? Yes

What type of paint? Eurothanes Is it sprayed on? It is rolled on. It goes on better and better texture. We spray too but we do not put up a containment to catch the over spray. It is was they call a dry cloth paint. It dries before it hits the ground. If anybody would ever would make a suggestion of spray or roll. Roll is better coverage and better texture. That is his recommendation.

Is this covered under our contract? (Administrator Cooper: He would not know.) He has the service contract. He is just there to take care of it. He does not cut corners.

What is the start time? Likes to get started at 7:00 in the morning. Within a week/weeks/ month? My start date is a week from today.

Any idea why we would not be told about this before now? Or is that something I would have to take up with someone else? Have is something that would have to go to someone else. He was under the understanding when it came to me that you people knew about this. It does not have to happen right now. He can set up a date with you. Mayor Zang replied, ok.

What he thinks happened was a job he was supposed to go to in Prince Frederick was not ready yet, so they sent him to us. We do not have to take the tank off line. We do it while the tank is filled and operational. They use a moisture cured paint, so the water being in it will not affect anything. He had thought that they had already talked to someone. (Operator Neddo had set it up.) We will reach out to the group with have the agreement with and would like more time to pick a color. You still have this week and over a week's worth of preparation. Usually they get a service request of what has to be done on which days. He has not received that yet. He was just going in blind looking at it and what he thinks needs to be done.

What the Town will do is get back to him after we talk to them and also talk to our engineers. Mayor Zang wants to familiarize himself with the process before committing to a color. The painter assumes that the inside is dry interior and will be an off white. He has only looked at the outside and in the bottom. The Town needs to make sure that what we are doing is in the best interest of the tower. Mayor Zang's concern is that it has a water supply in it. Mayor Zang asked the painter for some material data/safety sheets. They get all that when they order the paint. We would like to send those to our engineer first. Once decide on the paint he will get us the safety sheets. The Town will get back to him tomorrow or the next day at the latest.

After phone conversation ended, the discussion continued. Will pick something and get safety sheets to AECOM and make sure that the inside and outside paint are compatible. Administrator Cooper believes that should consider a different color because the current color shows so much dirt. Mayor Zang wants to make sure that we have in writing the repainting the seal is part of it. Most towns have something on their towers so the painter should be familiar with the process. Treasurer Roland will follow up with Utility Services. Mayor Zang also commented that we may want to check with Frank (Frank Hodgetts developer of Senior Village) of the colors going into the units so that it all goes together.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Stephen Duphily asked if there was a professional appraisal done on the property where the Senior Village and Early Childhood Learning Center will be located. Mayor Zang replied, "No."

Mr. Duphily asked, "So how can you justify selling it for ten dollars? I don't understand any of this."

MAYOR replied, "I know. I get that. And that is ok."

DUPHILY: "Don't the Council vote on these things?"

MAYOR: "They did."

DUPHILY: "It was voted on and approved?"

MAYOR: "Yeah. The thing that you have to remember is that right now that piece of land is non-productive. Nobody. We were just hear listening to Mr. Priapi, he has 10 acres up there and he will have 10 acres up there in the next 5 years. Because were not the epicenter of building. We just don't. We don't have it. ("Right" – DUPHILY). So to make a project happen to give us recurring revenue forever, we have to make some concessions. That's what we did. That was our part of providing the Town's, what we call the Town's participation. Which we talked to you before."

DUPHILY: "To me that is in enticement to a developer."

MAYOR: "It is actually an enticement to the State of Maryland. That's what it is. Because the State of Maryland wants you to participate in order for you to get funding from them to build a project like that."

DUPHILY: "The state considers giving land away as participation?"

MAYOR: "Oh much, absolutely, absolutely. In fact they actually have developers give things back to towns."

DUPHILY: "Ok, there has been no professional appraisal done on that property."

MAYOR: "No, none."

DUPHILY: "You are going to give it away for \$10. How much tax revenue can that generate in a year?"

MAYOR: "In a year?" (yes) "I don't know \$12,000."

DUPHILY: "And so, to offset the cost of that land \$12,000 a year, you would have to have it for 50 years for it to pay for itself. "

MAYOR: "What is it costing us now?"

DUPHILY: "I have no idea."

Mayor: "We will get you the numbers. Because right now we are maintaining it and –"

DUPHILY: "How much does it cost to maintain it?"

MAYOR: "Gosh, I don't know. Probably \$6,000 a year."

DUPHILY: "Ok. You're maintaining a lot more than that you got parks, you got"

MAYOR: "Through the park land. Yes. (you got) Those parks were purchased with open space money. So that was grant money from the state. That allows anybody to use our park but because it is in our town the tradeoff there is we maintain it."

DUPHILY: "Not all of the park is in town."

MAYOR: "It actually is except the pieces that stick out beyond the town, but they are all part of the same park."

DUPHILY: "I understand like the corner of my property is not technically in the town."

Mayor: "Which corner?"

DUPHILY: "The far corner."

MAYOR: "Yes it is. The only thing that is not in town -"

DUPHILY: "Unless it has changed."

MAYOR: "Is where that road is. The road around the ball fields. That is technically not in the town, in the town boundary. Your property all of it is in the town boundary."

DUPHILY: "And the woods behind my house?" (Yes) "And when was it annexed?"

MAYOR: "It wasn't. You can look at the map of the town, it shows you all"

DUPHILY: "It was purchased with open space, but was never annexed."

MAYOR: "There was a small portion of ballfields outside where the road is, the outside road that is actually outside the town boundary. That's it."

DUPHILY: "I don't recall it ever being annexed. When I moved here that was a cornfield and that was not part of the town."

MAYOR: "Part of it was. Part of that land, part of the old footprint of the town went out there. The town is a diamond shape. Ok, so it not like this it is more shifted. The only part of that park that is not in the town limit, technically, outside of the town limit is the road. Portion of that road that goes around the outside. Seven eighths of the ballfields are here (referring to map) in the town, the basketball courts are in the town and all the wooded property behind the basketball court towards Frisbys, all that is in the town. The waste water plant is not in the town, but everything else is in the town."

MEMBER DEVARY: "That cuts across the driveway is Scott Boulden's property and goes all the way out to Usilton's."

MEMBER COOPER: "The farm land right there. Cuts back across and cuts back in."

MAYOR: "Yes, in a perfect world I would like to have that little piece annexed into the town but it does not serve a purpose to do that where that road is. We own it because of the open space, how it was purchased."

DUPHILY: "And the Planning and Zoning went over this project and gave its blessing?"

MAYOR: "Yes, it had to. We had to go through all the steps."

DUPHILY: "Last month, when you finally told me the selling price, your council was surprised. I was standing here looking at them."

MAYOR: "I don't think they were surprised."

MAYOR: "So here I don't know if it shows what you were looking for, but it is pretty close. (referring to a map?). So that is coming into town, so the cross street. So your property is where? This is Scotty. This side. This is part of that field. This property is turning here. This is the Usilton property. There is Center Street. This road was originally supposed to go like this over to Douglas. This piece is behind these houses."

DUPHILY: "When this home plan is developed, this road will continue through and back out to 213?"

MAYOR: "Yes. In a perfect world, this piece of ground is for sale too. This is privately owned. Ok. So this is going to stop here, the road will stop here. Then when they develop this piece they will connect. That is part of the comprehensive plan like we did over on this side with Parklands. So you have two ways to get around, in theory. You are coming through that way you can get around and not go through the light."

DUPHILY: "How many units are going in?"

MAYOR: "20 apartments/flats. Very similar, flat being like Earlton Village. That is a flat but they are not going to be pods like that. They are just like that."

DUPHILY: "They are for seniors?"

MAYOR: "55 and over."

DUPHILY: "55 and over and what is going to be the base rent?"

MAYOR: "There is four categories. There is market rate. There is one that would be 1100 a month to 1200 a month. That is market rate. They are only one or two bedrooms. Then the rest go down on because based on what the secretary housing wanted. He did not want them to be-- I mean these are all high end, high end finishes and everything. From 90 to 80 to 70% . Just say that market rate would be 1200 then the lowest ones would be 70% of that. The idea was to capture our aging community out in Earleville, Warwick, wherever that want to continue to live in this area, but do not want to have home ownership anymore. So they want to still live here, go to church, be around friends and family. They can sell their homes and still live here. Then the next piece if the plan would continue (Duphily: "The other piece of land is owned by Alan McCarthy.") Now it is, he took it back.

DUPHILY: "He has it up for sale again?"

MAYOR: "Yes, he's got it up for sale, but in a perfect world, that would be like a step up. In other words, you would do maybe some more of the 55 and over and then he wants, I say he, the Secretary of Housing for the

State, wants to see some single family homes, that people can buy, 55 and over. So they can actually own instead of having apartments.”

MEMBER COOPER: “That would be a type of community that would be, don’t know what they call it. Where they cut your grass. Don’t know what they call it. “

MAYOR: “Like they have over in Middletown. I think it is just a 55 and over, but it is a community in which you pay a fee for those services but you own the home.”

MEMBER COOPER: “Just like the one out behind the Dunkin Donuts beside the old Chevron.”

DUPHILY: “Now, this is going to be apartments, do we get the same hookup fees for each one?”

MAYOR: “Yes absolutely.”

DUPHILY: “What are the hookup fees now, 17 something?”

MEMBER DEVARY: “17 something.”

MAYOR: “17 something. Yup and then you have the new school. That will go up, that’s the Head Start.

DUPHILY: “The entity that is buying it gets the retail space on 213?”

MAYOR: “No, the Town still owns that piece of land.”

DUPHILY: “They’ll keep ownership of that.”

MAYOR: “The Town will.”

DUPHILY: “The Town will.”

MAYOR: “That is the third step in this process. The first two are the school and the houses or the apartments. Then the last thing that will be built would be the retail space.”

DUPHILY: “They are still owned by the town, the retail space?”

MAYOR: “Right now it is, yes. It would still be owned by the Town. If we would decide to sell it, we could sell it. That is a piece of highway commercial property right so depending what we could be offered someone to come in and build on it, we could lease them the land. Lease them some pad sites for 20 or 30 years or whatever. I don’t think the Town wants to be in that position. I think they would rather want to sell it to a developer and let developer do it.”

DUPHILY: “This whole thing has been sort of on your low key.”

MAYOR: “No it hasn’t.”

DUPHILY: “I didn’t hear about it.”

MAYOR: “How many times has it been advertised?”

DUPHILY: “I don’t get the Cecil Whig. It only comes out, what twice a week?”

MAYOR: “Yeah, but it has been. When we post things, their on our website on our Facebook and on the Cecil Whig, Correct?”

ADMINISTRATOR COOPER indicated yes

MAYOR: “Because we have to do that.”

DUPHILY: “You don’t send out notices to the Town? In the past, something like this occurred, we’d have the whole town hall full. People want to know. “

MAYOR: “We did not have the Town Hall full when we built Parklands. “

DUPHILY: “We didn’t build Parklands.”

MAYOR: “We are not building this either. What I am saying is that when that development came about the Town Hall was not full either. We did the same –“

DUPHILY: “That wasn’t a Town property, was it?”

MAYOR: “That doesn’t matter. That was a project in Town. It goes through the same process as this one.”

DUPHILY: “I understand that but this – I am part of the Town. We are all part of this town. (MAYOR: “Right”) We are all owners of said properties. We are the town. (MAYOR: “Right”) not just residents. Well, shouldn’t it be publicized so that everybody can have a say in it.”

MAYOR: "It was publicized. We have to follow strict guidelines of the law. That is exactly what we did. We had public hearings we had, I don't know how many actually. Mary, do you remember?"

ADMINISTRATOR COOPER: "No"

MAYOR: "I know at least two."

DUPHILY: "I am not a social media guy. I am not tech savvy or anything like that so when it comes to the Town has a website I don't know that. I read what is out front when I go to the post office. That's my, how I get my information."

MAYOR: "I don't know if it was posted on the door or not. Kim would you remember?"

DUPHILY: "I came in and saw that (referring to plans). That's how I knew about that,-"

MAYOR: "That's been here the whole time. It is probably on the marquee".

ADMINISTRATOR COOPER: "We are not posting on the door anymore. We put it outside on the marquee."

MAYOR: "That thing. This has been going on for two years. That's been sitting here in various forms for almost two years."

DUPHILY: "I worked all my life. I just recently retired. Now I got time to notice things. I am curious that's all."

MAYOR: "I can't wait to see it built."

DUPHILY: "When you say it is our town's contribution and the state wants to see that. Does the state put a value on it? I don't understand."

MAYOR: "The state does, I think the value was \$276,000 for the 20 apartment parcel."

DUPHILY: "Where did they get that number?"

MAYOR: "They probably, they don't do what is called an official appraisal. But they do what would be called"

DUPHILY: "Based on the assessment value?"

MAYOR: "No, because that is not assessed because we own it. There is no tax value."

DUPHILY: "They still make an assessment, don't they?"

MAYOR: "No, it's zero. There is no tax value. We don't pay taxes to the state, property tax for that land, so it has zero assessed value. It is exempt. In fact, it is what it says right on the certificate. It'll say exempt. So what they do is figure out how many acres, however it is zoned, and they give a dollar amount to it. And I'm almost positive it is 276,000 or 266,000 dollars. So that is our contribution to the 7 point odd million dollars that we are getting from the state to build these two projects."

DUPHILY: "But when you say we, the Town is not getting it, the developer is getting it, not the Town."

MAYOR: "Town is getting the benefit of not putting any other money out in to do this project. All we are going to do is collect money forever. The Town will be paid forever through property tax and water/sewer revenue."

Right now we get zero from that piece of property. That's the bottom line. That's what development is.

Development is making sure we don't have to raise taxes, don't have to raise water and sewer. Right?"

DUPHILY: "I understand the need for growth for any municipality."

MAYOR: "Think about this. In the last 8 years, since the economy took a dump, we have done more development in this town per capita than any other town in this county. And that is the only thing that has kept us alive. Because I couldn't raise taxes enough to do it. That was how bad off we were. So you have to have development. That's the bottom line. The way the state goes about it, this is what you do."

DUPHILY: "I am just a firm believer in not just giving things away. I just don't understand."

MAYOR: "We did not give anything away. We had nothing to give. We had nothing to gain. There's no gain there. I could, you could put the thing for sale for 10 years. Who is going to buy it? Who is going to develop here in this town?"

DUPHILY: "We had Dollar General."

MAYOR: "I brought them here. I brought them here and worked with them through the county and cut a whole bunch of red tape out of what they had to do to get that store built or they wouldn't be here. The thing is

understanding the process. And that's the truth. They came here when the economy was taking a dump. Remember that?"

DUPHILY: "What when the economy took a dump? Yeah, I remember that."

MAYOR: "And who showed up? Dollar General."

DUPHILY: "They are everywhere."

MAYOR: "They are now. But that is the biggest store you've got in this county. That is the biggest store. It is 12, 600 square feet."

DUPHILY: "In this county?"

MAYOR: "In this county, the biggest Dollar General in this county. 12,600 square feet. The others are 9600 square feet. That is called a Dollar General plus. That is why it has all the other stuff plus the food, all the freezers. They normally don't have that. So we were very lucky, because they kinda of set the stage for everybody else getting a Dollar General. I don't like giving things away either. But I don't see it as giving something away. I see it as getting something huge in return. We are getting a tax rule on a piece of ground we would never gotten one. We got water and sewer revenue now forever. That the things that when you and I are gone can help pay for this town."

DEVARY: "It is how many units?"

MAYOR: "20"

DEVARY: "So water/sewer you are looking at \$340,000 just in hookup fees. That's using the rough number of 17 grand."

MAYOR: "Mmhmm."

DUPHILY: "Ok"

MAYOR: "I appreciate you coming."

DUPHILY: "That is all the questions I have."

MAYOR: "Ok, but come to every meeting."

DUPHILY: "Oh, I will. I was supposed to be away, but had to cancel my trip."

DEVARY: "Just for this?"

MAYOR: "No his wife"

DUPHILY: "My wife had a cardiac problem."

DEVARY: "Sorry to hear that".

MAYOR: "That's scary."

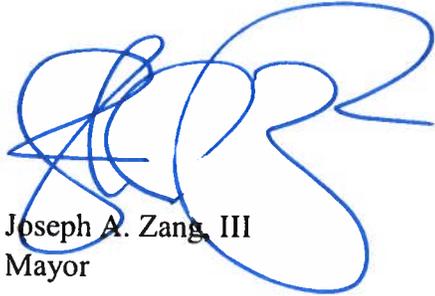
Mr. Duphily continued to elaborate on his wife's medical condition.

### **Good of the Order:**

Thank you notes from Sakers family, Wesley Chapel of Love, and Elborn Lacour were shared. Elborn Lacour family made a donation towards the Town's Bench Campaign as a thank you for the use of the community center for the father's memorial service. Going to use the donation towards the memorial stone for Brandon Michael Craig.

Administrator Cooper reminded Mayor and Council that the Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) event was a week from today. She wanted to mention the Delaware Refining Co. where Mr. Katzmire is employed, dropped off 4 cases of water, a case of trash bags, a case of safety glasses, a case of gloves, and a box of water bottle cozies. This is the final cleanup for the cemetery. And the bench and the flag pole dedication.

Mayor Zang explained, "Wednesday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) around 11:00 we will have our state delegation in Warwick along with representation from Senator Cardin's office, Congressman Harris' office, Congressman Van Hollen's office, as well as all our local council and county executive there to watch and observe what the 301 bypass has done to our end of the county. They will be in this part of the area for their legislative wrap up in North East and hit that on the way down. Hopefully, we can let them see what is going on and try to get them in touch with the state of Delaware to make some changes in their toll structure. Figure out what happened to the local road that was supposed to go off of 301 and into Middletown. So we have been working on this for quite some time but were able to get all these folks together and that will be on Wednesday."



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Respectfully submitted



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