

TOWN OF CECILTON

**Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019**

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, June 17, 2019. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Charles Ringgold, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Member Cooper motioned to move to a public hearing to go over the budget. Member Zack seconded the motion. Review and discussion of budget among members. Town Attorney Thomas Yeager reminded Mayor and Council to take any comments from the public and/or make any comments themselves, then leave public hearing before accepting the proposed budget. No questions were asked. Member Cooper motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Member Zack seconded the motion. Public hearing was adjourned.

Member Zack made a motioned to approve the FY 2020 Budget. Member DeVary seconded the motion. FY 2020 Budget was approved.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday, May 20, 2019 Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member DeVary made a motion to accept the Monday, May 20, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Final Financials and Account Balances:

May Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Member Cooper motioned to accept the May Final Financials and Account Balances as stated. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

April DMR Report: No problems/issues reported for water treatment plant. The rain Thursday evening (6/13) inundated the pump station at the waste water treatment plant. Number 1 pump is not getting it. So Neddo will be pulling it out, sending it out to be diagnosed to decide if it can be rebuilt. To rebuild is about \$4,000 and a new one is about \$7,000. This pump has about 30,000 hours on it. There are two compliance issues they are dealing with Maryland Department of Environment. One is the alum system, we added aluminum into the influent to help settle out the solids when it is in the decanter. That was not working for a while because of old mechanicals. Everything seems to be working right now, but it is full manual. There is a slow drip going in there now. In the next month or so when someone comes down to some electrical control work then he will have them look at those and put them in place. Then it will be totally automatic. For the sake of MDE it is up

and operational. The other issue we are going to have compliance is sand filter. He has had a few people look at it and he looked at it himself. The original valves were from Germany and he is not in love with them. He has found another company that makes them out of Rochester, NY. They make these waterproof valves. When the whole thing started and they put it on the ground it got wet and they put a sump pump in there. But the first thought should have been to replace the valve with something that is waterproof. These valves by the time finished will be \$20,000 a piece and we will need 3 of them. Problem is we never know what we are going to uncover that could have things attached to it that are broken. Mayor Zang asked about the possibility of going and looking for grant money for that. There could be. Mayor Zang looks at the problem as a failure in design. He continued to say that the screen was originally a failure in design and they got that paid for.

Mayor Zang asked if we had heard anything more about our water tower. Administrator Cooper replied that we have not gotten an update.

Mayor Zang requested a short paragraph each month from John Neddo that states whether or not the plants were in compliance and if not, what is wrong. An example will be shared with Neddo. This would be easier to decipher than the report.

Administrator Cooper and Mayor Zang expressed that they were pleased with Neddo and his company's work.

Cecilton Lions Club Night at the Races: In the past, Cecilton as a town has participated in way of ads and sponsoring a table. Mayor Zang asked the council if they would like to have an ad and sponsor a table like in the past. Member Zack made a motion to support the Lions Club Night at the Races as they have in the past. Motion was seconded by Member Cooper. Administrator Cooper also expressed that by sponsoring a table anyone could attend to fill that table. Member Ringgold expressed that he would probably be there. Motion carried to sponsor Cecilton Lions Club Charities Night at the Races as done in the past.

CCPS Summer Lunch Program: There is a program throughout the county providing free breakfast and lunch. Administrator Cooper referred to the 2019 Summer Meals Sites schedule. She explained that it is at no cost to children 18 and under there are free breakfast and lunch provided at various sites in Cecil County. There is no obligation. Cecilton Elementary School was just added to the list. Starting on July 8th, children will be able to come at 12:30 – 1pm to get a free lunch. The Town is working on trying to get some programs to along with it for 30 minutes before lunch. We have contacted the Cecil County Public Library. They will be bringing the bookmobile and the librarian will be doing an activity one day a week. We are trying to have an activity each day, but if can't then going to do the best we can with what we have. This is the first time that Cecilton has done this program. Question was asked if we (town staff) was doing this for them and Administrator Cooper replied that this time we are. Shannon Kelly, Head Start Coordinator, indicated that she could put together some easy crafts for children to do. Administrator Cooper asked that everyone spread the word and we will be doing an all call throughout the town. It is posted for the Town's Facebook page and website. Mayor Zang expressed that this is a federally funded program and certain criteria have to be met for the program to placed here.

Chesapeake City is not on the list because they do not meet the criteria according to the school system, but it does not mean that children that need the meals cannot come here to Cecilton for them. This program is for any kid that can come to the school. You do not need to live in town or part of Cecilton Elementary School district. We are doing it and the school is allowing it to be held there. Administrator Cooper and town hall staff is being trained. Anyone else that would want to be trained could also. Mayor Zang expressed how this is a big plus for our community to be allowed to participate. Phone calls have been made to spread the word.

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy AJ Walmsley present. No concerns at this time. Mayor Zang expressed that it looked like things were slow in May. Providing the schedule for activities in the park has worked out well. There will be more foot patrol later in the summer (July, August, and September).

Commercial Crime Bond: Treasurer Roland explained that normally we do a three year, less expensive limited insurance for \$5,000 for all the items. We can increase coverage by five fold for a little over double. Mayor Zang asked what we were covering. Theft, forgery, loss of funds, etc. is covered. Attorney Thomas Yeager suggested that we should have our auditor look it over. A decision should be made soon. Mayor Zang asked Treasurer Roland to contacted Jim Baxter, our auditor about the information. Treasurer Roland does not have the authority to do anything without an extra signature. It is part of the checks and balances of finances every month. Will go on Jim Baxter's recommendation.

Public Comments:

Member Cooper asked about the broken glass in the community center door. Administrator Cooper explained that Mayor Zang and her were having a meeting and the landscapers (for Parklands/Willows) hit a rock or something and it hit the window and broke it. Treasurer Roland is currently working with the landscaping company and they are getting estimates and will be repairing it. Administrator Cooper asked Treasurer Roland to try to get an update on that tomorrow. They are going to fix it. Another thing is to ask anyone using the community center to keep the door closed while the air conditioner is running. Suggestion was made to make a list of rules for the use of the center. Administrator Cooper expressed there was a set, but that can be added to it.

Member Zack received a vague email about the communication tower at the county yard. The message was from Richard Brooks and he stated that there is nothing attached to the town, but feel free to call him to discuss it. To find out that he did research on her, to find out who she was before even responding to her. Then she had a conversation with him and he is willing to come here and talk to Mayor and Council. He could not attend this meeting due to being on vacation, but he will come to the next meeting to discuss the communication tower. Mayor Zang stated there are licensing requirements that prevent them for putting anything commercial on it. He did say that they just bought something (whole new radio system). Member Zack will get back with him after his vacation about attending the July 15th meeting.

Good of the Order:

Thank you cards from 8th grade Bo Manor Middle School Spring Formal committee and 5th grade Cecilton Elementary students for use of the park and donation towards their 5th grade picnic were shared.

Shared the report card on the Bohemia River from the Friends of the Bohemia.

Treasurer Roland shared a multipurpose tool for adults (\$1.89/piece) as a promotional item.

Reminder that MML starts on Sunday.



Joseph A. Zang, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted



Teresa Quinn