

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2019

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, August 16, 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.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday, July 15, 2019 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Craig made a motion to accept the Monday, July 15, 2019 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June Final Financials and Account Balances:

June Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Member Cooper motioned to accept the June Final Financials and Account Balances as stated. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 River Report Card: Zack Kelleher reviewed the river report. He expressed how the Sassafras River Shed feels the impact from Pennsylvania and New York. Discussion of the evasive species. Full report is included with meeting information.

Cecilton Activity Report: Report was reviewed with AJ Walmsley. The monthly reports show what comes into the call center.

WWTP and Water Supply Report – John Neddo. Mayor Zang thanked Mr. Neddo for the format that they more familiar with. Report was reviewed.

Hutton Builders Proposal for Town Hall Painting – Proposal reviewed and discussion about getting other proposal possibly from Bell Painting and Jamestown Painting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Comments:

Heather Miller, Cecilton resident, attended meeting with concerns on accessing her property at 219 E Main Street via the library parking lot. She commented that her grandparents bought the property in 1982 (1985). Ms. Miller presented a statement of her information and concerns along with the copies of the original deed and current deed to the property. It is included with meeting information. Ms. Miller expressed her intent to work on the house and grounds and move them when the house was ready which included removing trees. Member DeVary expressed that earlier that had been a question on whether the trees on the property were hers or the town's and that was the purpose of having the property staked to identify the actual tree line. Ms. Miller expressed that is why she left the original fence post. Member DeVary replied that the fence post is not a property marker. She replied that it would give some reference. Member DeVary expressed that the fence post is not a reference to the property line. She continued to say that when they marked the property line the stakes are in line with the post. Member DeVary also questioned that Ms. Miller stated she has access in the back of the property and why could she go out there. Ms. Miller said that the opening in the back was maintained, the other one the trees grew in. She continued to say that the sewer line was forced to come in beside the library and behind the trees so she cannot get access there (showing on pictures). Member DeVary showed another place (referring to a picture) and asked why she could not come in that way. She replied, "Because my trailer doesn't fit in here and the water line comes down this way across to the corner of the old shed and up to the back of dad's house. And that's where the town said he had to put that in." (Several inaudible voices in discussion.) Ms. Miller expressed that they (her family) was able to use that entrance (library entrance) before the library was there. Member DeVary gave the example that if his neighbor allows him to go through his backyard, then sells it, it does not mean that he can go into the new neighbors backyard just because the old neighbor allowed him to. Ms. Miller replied that is not what is outlined in Maryland records. Attorney Yeager commented that since her property did not come out of the library property she does not have an easement by implication or by use permit land. (Further inaudible discussion.) Discussion that the parking space at the library was used as an alley way to the road. Member DeVary brought up was it allowed or was it just not asked. Ms. Miller expressed that it was her understanding that when the building permit done in 1990, she was told it was all through a vote of the town council. Discussions continued about the property and the trees. Other discussion continued about Ms. Miller feeling harassed and the library employees feeling harassed by Ms. Miller. It was stressed by Administrator Cooper that the area is a parking lot for library employees/ patrons and not a driveway. Member Zack commented that she could widen her driveway to accommodate her vehicles. She expressed that when the state repaired the sidewalk, that they made her driveway narrower. She felt like she should not have to spend money on widening her driveway. Members DeVary and Zack expressed how they paid to have their driveways widened to accommodate their vehicles. When asked if her drive was too narrow to pull her car in and she said that she could not turn her truck in there and that was too narrow to bring in her camper and truck. Member DeVary expressed his drive cannot hold a camper either. Ms. Miller continued with that she pays town taxes, trash that is more than if she disposed of it herself and can't store her camper. Member DeVary replied that we (Mayor and Council) cannot jockey things around. Ms. Miller said that no one was asking them to jockey things around. He said you are. She replied that they are asking not to block an access that has been used for 30 years. Member DeVary replied that it is something that she had done. Member Zack answered that if it is something that is documented, then they can talk about it. If it is not documented. Ms. Miller stated that the access was used then without inconveniencing the library. She stated she can't go off the back road because she would drive over the water line. Member DeVary mentioned that up until tonight she was able to drive over that because she would drive in and drive out. She said she would back in from the library into "this hole", the water line is behind his house (dad's). He comes in this way between the water line and fence where his driveway has

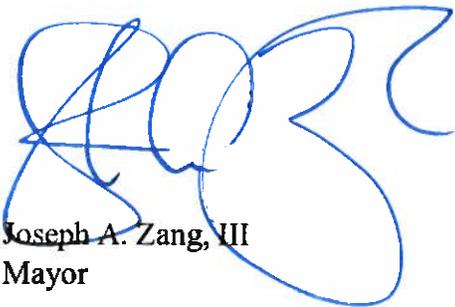
always been. The water line comes down, across to the old shed, and up to the back of the house, so that cuts where you can drive across. Even when they took the trees out they took them out two ways to avoid that spot. When the load of dirt came in, it came in through the hole (showing on pictures). The sewer runs across from the rear of the house. On the pictures, she showed where she backs in and where the water line is. Question is back to what happens when Ms. Miller goes in and then someone is parked at the spot. Originally it started when the library board came to the Mayor and Council thinking that we had taken out the trees. Discussion on Ms. Miller taking out some of the town's trees out. Mayor Zang called point of order. Meeting moved on.

Bo Manor Cheerleading: Administrator Cooper expressed that the Bohemia Manor Junior Football Cheerleading program is in need of uniforms and was hoping that Mayor and Council could help them. Discussion was tabled.

Good of the Order:

Thank note from John Sobon for assistance with fundraiser.

Invitation to the White Harvest Banquet on September 17th.



Joseph A. Zang, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Quinn