

## **TOWN OF CECILTON**

### **Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Monday, July 27, 2020**

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, July 27, 2020. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Charles Ringgold, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Hester Wise was introduced as the Election Board Supervisor. Mrs. Wise presented the election results of the July 6, 2020 Election. Council Members Danielle Zack and Craig DeVary secured their seats.

**SWEARING IN:** Danielle Zack and Craig DeVary were sworn in as council members by Mayor Zang.

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

##### **Monday June 29, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member Cooper motioned to accept the Monday, June 29, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Motion was second by Member DeVary. Motion carried.

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

June Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Member DeVary motioned to accept the June Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy Walmsley could not attend. Deputy Griffiths was present to discuss report. He expressed the knowledge of issues with certain youth in the community. The reason it is still going on is that the Sheriff's Department hands are tied with Juvenile Services. When a standard crime is committed that is not a violent crime, they cannot put handcuffs on a juvenile. They have to be referred to Juvenile Services. Cecilton has had a spike of calls for service in the month of June. Twenty-seven within the town. They arrange from assaults, domestics, and medical calls. Domestics come and go. No rhyme or reason to them. The assaults heavily occurring in Parklands. In August, the Department will be increasing foot patrol and traffic control in Parklands and Frisby Meadows.

County Council Member expressed that there is a spike in depression and burglaries in the country areas.

WWTP and Water Supply Report: John Neddo reviewed the report. The phosphorous count is down and way below our limit. Mr. Neddo along with the town's maintenance staff were able to clean the chemical room in the waste water treatment plant and hook up a water supply for running water.

**Make a Difference Day:** Council Member Ringgold explained that he wants to do another Make a Difference Day. He has done this activity the past two years. It is a community fellowship event that has multiple speakers and performers. This year he is thinking about having a 70 foot obstacle course moon bounce. He also does a cardio obstacle course with the kids every year. Where at the end they carry the cross up the hill and get a prize. There will be water games. He is asking for help with the moon bounce and currently has the deposit taken care of for the moon bounce. The balance would be \$375. The moon bounce is coming from Chesapeake Inflatables. Mayor Zang commented that he believes it is a great event, but he has concerns with COVID-19. He questioned how that would be handled. Member Ringgold expressed that he could be put on the advertisement that social distancing and mask is recommended. Mayor Zang expressed about the protocol and limit of participation in events. Members Zack and DeVary expressed concerns about the cleaning of the moon bounce. Concerns are about the number of kids that could be going through it and about the cleaning of it. Mayor Zang said that he would contact (Bud) the owner of Chesapeake Inflatables concerning the moon bounce. Being that it is an event that the town has its name on, we want to make sure we are covered as a town and so are the participants. Attorney Yeager and County Council President Bob Meffley commented that they believe the number allowed for large gatherings were 250 people. Member Ringgold replied that last year he had around 100 people. The biggest concern at this point is the moon bounce. Member Zack asked if a donation was made in the past for this event. Member Ringgold replied that donations have been made the past two years. Ringgold continued to say that there will be a big tent for shade, the fire department will have the fire truck and ambulance there for the kids, and there will be snow cones. Dog tags will be handed out to the kids. Mayor Zang expressed how masks are not required outside, but might be a good idea. Attorney Yeager expressed that masks should be encouraged. Mayor Zang continued to say that there should be some mention in advertisement about social distancing and masks encouraged. Hand sanitizer should be provided. Fire Chief Reamy commented that the fire department could provide hand sanitizer. Member Ringgold asked about the age for kids to join the fire department program. Chief Reamy replied that age 14 was the starting age. He asked if they could have paperwork available to any kids that could be interested. The event is scheduled on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 -4 (5)pm. County Council President Meffley asked if there was a fee for this and if it was just for Cecilton. Ringgold replied that anyone can come and there is no fee. Meffley said that he could announce this tomorrow evening at the council meeting. Mayor Zang said to make sure that when next printing of flyers, they state that masks are recommended and social distancing is required. Member Zack also suggested to include those who have donated towards the event (ex. CVFC donating hand sanitizer). The Town has provided the \$100 deposit towards the moon bounce. The Town has donated \$200 towards the event in previous years, so we will provide the additional \$100 towards the moon bounce.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Safety Initiative:** Fire Chief Reamy, Administrator Cooper, and Fire Company President Cheyney will be meeting to discuss how the fire department would determine who qualifies for the program and whether or not their volunteer hours are within our community. Reamy explained how LOSAP works in getting points/credit. You can get your points in various areas and turn them into your home company. Cheyney and Reamy have talked about coming up with an in house policy where to get the incentive credit from the town, their points have to be in this community. The idea behind the incentive is to get volunteers for Cecilton. Reamy continued to explain the different types of categories to get your points. Volunteers can be members at various companies but can only claim one home company where they turn in their points. It is easier to track out of one company. He feels it is easy enough to identify the points that were gained within the Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company.

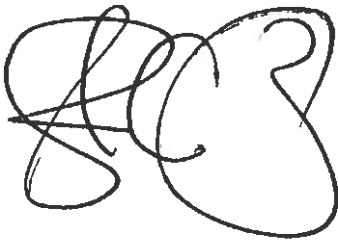
The idea is to bring out volunteers and new volunteers to help our on community. The benefits from the town is still being discussed. An option could be that you are only billed with for the base rate for the water/sewer not the overage. Another possibility could be a property tax credit (what Chesapeake City does). The fire company will come up with the policy to who would qualify and the Mayor and Council would determine the incentive. Reamy also explained different ways that people can be involved in the fire department either as an associate or active member. The second Tuesdays of the month are training days and the third Sunday is station clean up. County Council President Meffley discussed about the possibility of presenting an incentive at the county level. Reamy expressed that county wide the volunteer companies are hurting.

**Public Comments:**

Member Ringgold expressed that the Make a Difference Day will also be kicking off the Praise in the Park. This is where different churches will be able to have a community service each Sunday in August.

Mayor Zang shared the aerial photos of the Senior Village and Early Childhood Learning Center construction taken by resident Clarke Boas.

**Good of the Order:**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAZ III'.

Joseph A. Zang, III  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Quinn'.

Teresa Quinn