

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, September 21, 2020. The following were in attendance:

Mike Cooper, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Charles Ringgold, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday August 17, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Zack motioned to accept the Monday, August 17, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Motion was second by Member DeVary. Motion carried.

August Final Financials and Account Balances:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

257 North Bohemia: New resident Catherine Chance was present to discuss the possibility to hook up with town water. Treasurer Roland expressed that in the past the previous owner was offered town water and refused it. However, there is a property on the other side of Mrs. Chance that does have the town water hook up. Mrs. Chance indicated that the blue pipe for the water line is right next to her front yard. Administrator Cooper expressed that it would have to be confirmed that the water line is and how it runs. George Smith, Susquehanna Operational Services LLC, indicated that he could trace the line out. Information would be gathered and Admin Cooper would get back to her.

Cecilton Activity Report: Report was reviewed and discussed by Council. No representative at the meeting. If there are any questions, let Administrator Cooper know and she will inquire with Sheriff's Department. Member Cooper expressed that it seemed that the Maryland State Police reported more than the Sheriff's Dept. Admin Cooper replied that when you call 911, they would give you the option to get dispatched to the Sheriff's Dept. or the Maryland State Police. They no longer give you that option. She met with the MSP approximately a month ago and that discussion will be on the next agenda. Our contract with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office expired in July and we opted not to renew it. However, we are using their services on an as needed basis instead

of contracting them for an entire year. Maryland State Police is double the price (than Sheriff's Department) but more service. Administrator Cooper expressed that we can request that the MSP be on foot, could not do that with the Sheriff's Department. They are also trying to bring back a bike patrol. The MSP has some good aspects that we did not have with the Sheriff's Department. We would not have to be bound by a contract for any length of time. We can communicate the need.

WWTP and Water Supply Report: George and Jordan Smith from Susquehanna Services introduced themselves and explained their experience with water and waste water plants. George Smith is the owner and Jordan Smith will be our licensed operator. G. Smith presented a partial report, since it is not the end of the month. He found that the facilities are in need of attention. Council Members reviewed the report. Member Zack expressed that the list is concerning. G. Smith understands that it is concerning and the items just need to be addressed. In discussing of the list, the number one issue is getting the SBRs cleaned out. They are full of trash, grit, etc. and clogging the pumps and interfering with the process. J. Smith continued to go on that two of the wasting pumps are broken and are vital to the different phases the SBRs go through treatment. We cannot retrieve them out of the tank without getting it pumped and cleaned out. On the water side, there is a blower vent that is to be utilized when you backwash the filters. That blower has not been used in years. It was full of water and locked up tight. They actually took it apart and could not get it unlocked. G. Smith contacted the manufacture and they are considered throwaways because they are so small in size. Number 5, there is no spare parts for the waste water plant and very few for the water plant. At some point we are going to need these spare parts. The plants is automated and runs by a mini computer or PFC. There are a lot of motorized valves, transducers that sense levels and such. If one of those valves fail, then someone has to be there every 3 hours to mainly open and close that valve. Member Zack queried about an alarm system that alerts the operators if something happens in the middle of the night. G. Smith replied that we have an auto dialer and that has just gotten back online. It is repaired and programed. J. Smith indicated that he has been documented the changes with before and after pictures. Admin Cooper expressed how we have seen improvement already and the Jordan Smith checks in almost daily. Council will look over the report and quotes, then get back to Susquehanna Services on how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Creamery Drive Traffic Calming: Administrator Cooper discussed that shortly after making the discussion to close Creamery Drive, within days, we had Joe Hofstee come out with Chris Rogers to come up with some traffic calming ideas and suggestions. Chris Rogers handed out copies of the map that is in our comprehensive plan that show why the interconnection was made to begin with. This a plan showing a potential road network for potential growth areas (Parklands was not a project at the time). So the idea is as an area grows, you can make as many interconnections of streets as possible. When Parklands was proposed, we looked at comp plan and with the planning concept in mind and the stub sitting there in Frisbys Meadows required Parklands to connect to this stub street. The idea is as an area grows the more interconnection of streets the more options people have to get in and out of their neighborhoods. You don't dump all the cars of one neighborhood onto one street. That may or not be applicable to us anymore. Joe Hofstee is a professional highway engineer with experience with traffic calming. Hofstee reviewed the layout of the street and the current problem residents are having. Traffic calming measures include medians, pinch points, chicane, lane shifts, roundabouts, street trees, on street parking and road diets. Traffic calming/reduction measures would be speed humps/bumps, one way directional traffic, and road closure. Hofstee went into details on possible measures that were included in the packet presented to the Council. Member Cooper asked for recommendations. Chris Rogers expressed that the idea of connecting roads is to have multiple points of ingress and egress. We are not going to grow north of Parklands and Frisbys Meadows does not have secondary access point onto Route 213. Frisbys Meadows is not going to extend to the road that our waste water treatment plant is on and serve another development on the Rigdon Farm and Parklands will not connect through Frisbys to Rigdon. Frisbys Meadows is going to loop at

the end. All this road is doing is allowing Parklands people to get to 213 and Frisbys people to get to 282 and the cut through traffic. The idea of a street like this is to disperse traffic not this isolated convenience from one street to another. Member DeVary expressed that that is how it has been pretty much been utilized. Admin. Cooper expressed that so far all the feedback has been a relief that the road is closed. We have had only one complaint. Primarily Parklands members have expressed thank you and keep it closed. Member DeVary has noticed more kids are out playing without the worry. One resident of Parklands has expressed that she can now let her granddaughter walk to the park because traffic is not whipping around. Admin Cooper expressed that she understands what Rogers was saying about the road in its inception, but we have now reached a safety concern and people that are not residing in these are communities are utilizing the road as a short cut. When the final area of Frisbys is developed, they will have to come in and out by Ariel Avenue. Admin Cooper continued to say that a lot of thought needs to be considered before considering opening the road. She also wonders if the one complaint that was made was from the person who had went around the barriers. The person that complained to Treasurer Roland was invited to come to the meeting this evening and did not show. Every person that they have spoken to is invited to come to the meeting. Hofstee expressed if we are not having an issue with the intersection being backed up then the road being closed is not a problem for diverting traffic. The speed humps are already in place. Many people will go through a stop sign if they feel they are not needed (no one coming in the other direction). Jason Reamy, CVFC Fire Chief, commented that Creamery Drive is not needed for emergency purposes. If the fire department are going to Frisbys they use 213 and if going to Parklands, they use 282. Hofstee commented that the road connection is a straight shot and makes it inviting for people to use it as a cut through. Admin Cooper also expressed that we even haven't experienced the traffic speeding through when the high school students are going to school. Hofstee was thanked for his presentation. There is nothing stated in Town Ordinance for not allowing closure of streets. Hofstee commented that signage needs to be close to the entrance of each developments and inform Google maps.

Public Comments: None

Jason Reamy expressed he was for keeping the road closed. Resident John Katzmire was present and he also indicated he was for the road closure. He did ask if it was still going to be open for pedestrian traffic. Yes it is.

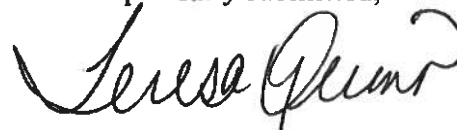
Cecilton will be having Halloween Trick or Treating.

Member Zack expressed that a resident has need for handicap accessibility sidewalks to the town park. The sidewalks in Frisbys are not ADA.

Good of the Order: None

Respectfully submitted,


Mike Cooper
Council Member


Teresa Quinn