

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, November 16, 2020. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Zang announced that the previous Town Administrator, Brenda Cochran, has passed away.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday, October 19, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Wrong meeting minutes were copied and provided, therefore meeting minutes could not be passed.

October Final Financials and Account Balances:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy AJ Walmsley was present. Report was reviewed. Administrator Cooper had a question concerning the attempted abduction on the report. It was found to be unfounded. There were 36 calls for service in the month of October. Our calls for service have increased. Calls have increased county, state, and countrywide. One of the current juveniles, will not be a juvenile for much longer and that will help. Admin Cooper stated that she has called and left a message with the state's attorney concerning this individual and feels that he needs to have an understanding of what we are dealing with in our town. Mayor Zang expressed that unfortunately the deputies go through this all the time (countywide) with the same 5% of juveniles that go in and out of the system all the time. Discussion continued concerning the severity of the crime. Admin Cooper continued to state that there are 3 juveniles in this community that are public nuisance. We are seeing repeat behavior and because there are no consequences. They are continuing to re-offend and essentially be a public nuisance. Attorney Thomas Yeager indicated that you would have to address the general assembly which is dominated by the urban areas of state. They have passed laws to decriminalize things into lower penalties and to eliminate mandatory minimums. Therefore, the judges have to follow the laws. The police are doing all they can. The problem is it is beyond what we can do locally. The laws reflect urban areas, not what we need here. Deputy Walmsley indicated they are doing what they can. Admin Cooper stated that it is tough in her position

in that people are coming to her and they are tired of it. Mayor Zang indicated that we have a set of ordinance in this town that permits us to fine people, so if it is a nuisance (as defined in our legal doctrine), then why can't we fine them? Yeager indicated that we could, but then you run into the collection of the fines. If it is a property owner then you could be a lien on the property to collect the fine. If they are not a property owner and they do not pay, then you run into trying to collect. The question was presented, what if they are a minor of a property owner. Yeager replied that would have to be looked at. If the parent is a property owner, then the parent would be responsible. Mayor Zang said that should be something to look into. For the fine to be applied to the offender, they would have to be 18 or older. Mayor Zang said to look into that at some time or we could send a letter from the attorney with a fine. Administrator Cooper wondered if we could ban one or two of these individuals from anything the town owns, and have them restricted to the street they live on. Yeager replied that we could not restrict them to the street they live on, but we ban them from town property. Yeager also said to use your nuisance laws as much as you can.

WWTP and Water Supply Report: Mayor Zang expressed that everything looks like it is being taken care of. Jordan Smith explained that a couple of major things were taken care of this last month. All the flow meters were calibrated for the waste water and water plants. There was a MDE inspection at the water treatment plant. Chris Carski, from MDE, was pleased with the condition of the plant and the progress made. Smith also found a problem with the waste water plant where the previous operator was running two blowers. After looking at the schematics and blueprints of the plant, it only needs one blower, so that has been reprogrammed. The electric bill should be less this coming month. Quantum Controls came to the water plant to help with a problem where the well pump controls were not correctly alternating between well 1 and well 2. They had to fix that. Mayor expressed that Quantum had been here last year to fix that. He asked that he be made aware of those things. He wanted to look at their (Quantum) bill and he wants to know from them why it was not working again. Smith continued to say that all hydrants were flushed in town. A complaint was received from a Bay View Estates seasonal resident about their water. Smith met with him and found that it was the owner's hot water heater that was the problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Comments:

Community Open House – December 3rd 6 – 8pm

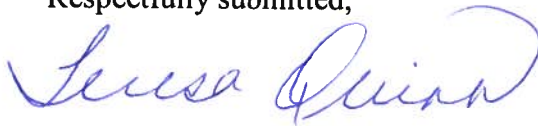
Cecilton Parade – December 5th 11:00 am

Good of the Order:



Mike Cooper
Council Member

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn