

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, October 19, 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.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday September 21, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member DeVary motioned to accept the Monday, September 21, 2020 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Member Zack. Motion carried.

September Final Financials and Account Balances:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy Charles Dix reviewed the Cecilton Activity Report. Three calls for service, 58 patrol/property checks, 17 traffic stops, 20 community contacts, a district court warrant was served and vehicle was towed due to owner's request. Member Cooper asked questioned the stop for a stalker and comment by juvenile that he does not normally kill people but he would. Same juvenile having issues with previously. Two juvenile referrals have been put in on him. Resident Ernie Beck asked about an update concerning the recent thefts in cars. As of suspects at this time, Maryland State Police are handling the investigation. Beck asked if the town had any updated information. Administrator Cooper indicated that suspects have been identified. They are juveniles. She has been given limited information from MSP and they are investigating. Member DeVary expressed that, on the report, a fight at Royal Farms and someone getting shot with a bb gun was reported. Admin Cooper wanted to discuss the condition for Royal Farms, they are allowing young people to loiter and she feels that a formal and direct letter from our attorney stating that they are becoming a public nuisance. They have signs that say no loitering but are allowing young people to gather in the masses to loiter. The parking lot is not being maintained. They need to know that we are serious about them doing a better job. Attorney Yeager (who was present via phone) suggested that Admin Cooper take photographs. Cooper indicated that she had

images. Yeager also suggested providing specific dates and times that the loitering was occurring. She also has dates and times and correspondence between her, corporate and the district manager. Cooper will email the specifics to Yeager tomorrow.

WWTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan and George Smith were present. J. Smith provided a list of improvements that are needed with the facilities as well as the issues they have addressed. Both plants were in compliance for September and all the sampling was done for the water treatment plant. Member Cooper noticed that the line was marked for 257 North Bohemia. Smith indicated that there was a meter center right at the pit, so the town would need to put a meter in, but the owner would need to have a contractor run a line to the house. George Smith was able to get both plants in compliance for September, but it was no easy feat. Administrator Cooper expressed that if anyone would call and want a tour of either facility at this point, she would be proud to take them on a random tour anytime. She is very proud of the condition the facilities are in. G. Smith said they are clean but they are still working on the screening room. G. Smith asked if the Mayor wanted to talk about what was submitted as far as the estimates on repairs. Mayor Zang said he would like to have a meeting on site, so that G. Smith could walk him through it. Resident Tom Johnston asked about why the water had been cloudy the last couple of weeks. J. Smith indicated that a couple of weeks ago the fire department was testing some of their equipment and the hydrants had not been flushed for some time, so it stirred up the system. He continued to say that the fire hydrants were flushed last week and Johnston should not have any more problems with the water. It was suggested that Johnston get on the Code Red calling system, so that he can keep informed of events/activities happening within town and systems. It was asked if the hydrants were flow tested. G. Smith answered that testing was not done, because they wanted to get them flushed/cleaned out first.

Maryland State Police Contract: Administrator Cooper expressed that we currently work with the Sheriff's Department and we have some issues going on in town. Cooper engaged the Maryland State Police to explore having some Sheriff's Deputies on patrol as well as some Maryland State Police troopers. Now when you call 911 you could be dispatched to either one. For now we are going to keep the Sheriff's Department on board but we are going to incorporate the Maryland State Police. They were comfortable with sharing time and not having an inclusive contract. We will then have both of them in town and at different times. There will be a presence in the town and our young people will know that there is a presence now and they will not continue on the path they are on. Maryland State Police do a lot of foot patrol (which the some of the deputies do when asked) and a bike patrol as well. Resident Beck asked if the schedule for patrol will be the same or will the state police be working on the days that the deputies are not here. Cooper had questioned MSP if they would be setting the times for patrol. She had stated that she needs them at odd times and she will be able to provide them with days and times. With the Sheriff's Department, they come up with the schedule based on the monthly activity report, but it is not always indicative to what is happening. Currently we have these groups forming outside here, in the dark and maybe something is not happening, but it is not safe and should not be happening. She needs police to send them on their way.

Halloween: Cecilton is celebrating Halloween and trick or treaters will be greeted at Town Hall from 6 to 8. Goodies bags are ready for them and we hope others will participate also. We are having our normal Halloween and Fall Decorating Contest. The winners will be announced on Halloween.

Veterans Day: On Veterans Day at 9:00am, at Brandon Michael Craig's Memorial, we will be having a prayer service for all veterans, active and past military members. Cooper asked all Council Members to come. Pastor Gene Blalock will be conducting the service, as well as, a former marine doing a reading.

Christmas/Holiday Parade/ Open House: Business as usual in Cecilton. We will be hosting our holiday open house on the Thursday December 3rd at the community center. On the 5th we will be hosting a Christmas Parade for the first time and it will be at 11am. We need participants and a letter will be sent out to engage groups to participate. Will be having prizes. Administrator Cooper asked Council Members to check for updates on the

Town Facebook page and to share the page. Mayor Zang added that we went through the proper channels to get this parade schedule. We went through the state of Maryland and the local health department.

Handicap Accessible Sidewalks – Frisbys Meadows: Mayor Zang said that it is a unique situation where one resident has a unique wheelchair. Mayor Zang indicated that they are going to set up a meeting with a concrete contractor and go out and take a look at what can be done so that it does not impact anyone’s private property unless they allow it.

Old Truck: Administrator Cooper informed Mayor and Council the issues with the old maintenance truck (2003) and the need to look for a new one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Creamery Drive Traffic Calming: The current status of the road being closed, will continue. Resident Beck asked if it is still going to be closed with barriers or the road being removed. Council made the determination at the last meeting, that it would remain closed. Right now the barriers will remain. Resident Johnston asked why it was closed. It was reviewed concerning the speeding and not stopping at the stop sign and the information that was provided at the last meeting. Cooper also reviewed that there was only one complaint and the rest were positive comments.

Public Comments:


Administrator Cooper thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

Resident Beck asked about the status of the incentive program for CFVC volunteers. Fire Chief Reamy stated that he and CFVC President Deanna Cheyney were working on a policy on how to actually get the credit for our firehouse. They want to make sure they earn their points from work completed in our community.

Resident Johnston asked if it would be possible to get “No Outlet” sign for Center Street. Sign will be put up at the entrance to Center Street.

Good of the Order: None


Mike Cooper
Council Member

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Quinn