

**TOWN OF CECILTON**  
**Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting**  
**Monday, March 15, 2021**

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, March 15, 2021. 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:**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member Zack motioned to accept the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**January Final Financials:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cecilton Activity Report: Detective Dixon reviewed the report. There were 64 hours of work and 16 calls for service. He pointed out that there were a couple calls for service for a protection order at the same address. They are working to get that under control. Member Cooper expressed that he had seen a lot of activity the evening before (14<sup>th</sup>) up the street. Dixon indicated that it was a physical domestic call through State Police and Sheriff's Office assisted. Resident Martin Arrieta shared his concern at the end of East Jacobs Way, where it meets the park, there has been multiple cars parked along the street. Most recently there was a white car with Delaware tags parked there from 7 pm to 2:30 am. Dixon indicated that that car was a friend's of someone in the neighborhood. He has already been in contact with them. Arrieta also noticed people at night walking from the park through the neighborhood. Administrator Cooper replied that the park is closed after dark, so people leaving the park at night are trespassing. She also went on to say that parking there is not permitted, so Arrieta has two options, one is to call the police and express that there is a suspicious vehicle parked there. Many times local deputies will address it right away since they are familiar with the community. She continued to say that letting us know helps and we will get some "No Parking" signs and get them erected as soon as they come in. Both Mayor Zang, Administrator Cooper, and Detective Dixon all stressed the importance to calling the police

when they are parked there, particularly at night. Cooper also said to definitely call the police if he sees people leaving the park at night since the park is closed at that time.

Resident Dominic Lucido expressed a concern with leaving trash cans on the sidewalk and leaving them on the sidewalk full. Admin Cooper said that the Town does discourage that. Although school is not in session like we have been, there are kids who still get themselves to school (walking). If the trash cans are on the sidewalk then the kids venture into the street or someone's private property to get around them. We highly discourage them on the sidewalk. She continued to say if he is seeing it and you are not comfortable talking to your neighbor about it, let her know and she will contact them about the importance of having them put in the grass. The trash company knows that the cans are supposed to be off the sidewalk. If she is walking, she moves them.

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Admin Cooper expressed that George Smith was kind enough to put together some information for the town where we can stagger some repairs and items that can be addressed over time. This will allow her to better budget for them, since we had a lot going on at once. She wanted to say thank you for that. The report was reviewed and no questions were asked.

Comprehensive Plan: Chris Rogers, AECOM, discussed the Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan needs to be updated by 2022. AECOM's proposal is working with the planning commission to update all the upfront data (community profile, census data, and other demographic data), and to work with the planning commission to write the various chapters. Rogers explained the process through the state rules and mandates. Mayor Zang asked if we are going to take the existing comprehensive plan and update it. We may also want to take in to consideration the amount of growth outside of town. This is a mandate that we have to do, but we need to figure out how it fits in the budget. A decision how to proceed will need to be made at a future meeting.

Cecilton Senior Village: Administrator Cooper gave an update that the 600 and 700 buildings are completely occupied. Within the next two weeks the 500 and 400 buildings will be occupied. She has notified the fire department in case of an emergency. They are aware that there will be residents in those buildings. Some exciting news regarding the Cecilton Senior Village project and the new school, the state is recognizing those projects as one of the premiere projects at this time in our state and they are creating a video of the progression of the project. They are starting from when it was just land, where they are now, and the impact on our seniors and youth. Mayor Zang and Cooper toured the new school. They could be occupying the space by the end of May. Chris Rogers, indicated that paving that still needs to be done. The pedestrian bridge is still a go, but no information when it will be put in. The project is currently working with the county on the storm water management. Resident Lucido asked if there would be any traffic control at the entrance. Mayor Zang replied no because that it is a planned entrance. It was planned for growth when the Dollar General was put in.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Initially the town was going to host a Memorial Day Parade at the request of the Marines, JJ and JT that carried our banner in the Christmas Parade. In talking with the fire department and some community members, they felt like we should consider the 4<sup>th</sup> of July because they felt like it was too close to the Christmas Parade and the fire department was also interested in offering some other fun events during that day. We are going to have another parade and we are going to try to make it annual as well. There will be some other activities, but do not know what they will be at this time. Administrator Cooper will head the parade and she thinks the fire department will take the responsibility on the other activities and they will take place on the carnival grounds. As she gets more information, she will share it.

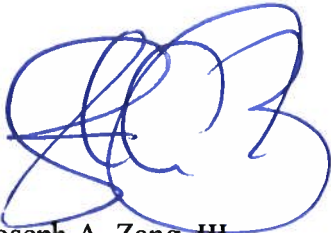
Time Capsule: Clerk Teresa Quinn has taken on the time capsule task. Admin Cooper read the update provided by Quinn. The committee will be collecting items in May. They are looking for businesses and individuals to describe their experiences during 2020 and how COVID affected them personally and their businesses. In the Mayor and Council packets, there are forms that they could fill out and provide to the committee by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Good of the Order:**

Member Zack asked if there are any updates on the blood drive. Administrator Cooper replied that Quinn has been contact with Delmarva Blood Bank for some dates. The Blood Bank will not host the drive in the fire department bay. They would however do it upstairs. Cooper left a message for CVFC President Deanna Cheyney and has not heard from her. Member Zack expressed that she received a message from the blood bank that they are doing one at the Chesapeake City VFW on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cooper asked if she should do ours after that and Zack indicated that we should wait for 56 days after that. Then we need to find out when Hack's Point Fire Company will be having theirs so not to compete with that. Member Zack will check with Nicole Reed to identify that date and then look at scheduling 56 days after their date.



Joseph A. Zang, III  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn