

TOWN OF CECILTON

**Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2021**

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, July 19, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Craig DeVary, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Jeffrey West, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

June 21, 2021 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member DeVary motioned to accept the Monday, June 21, 2021 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Katzmire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June Final Financials:

June Final Financials and Account Balances were reviewed. Question was asked about a deposit in the General Fund deposit. It was a transfer from the original general fund account to the new one with People's Bank. We had kept a the original account with Cecil Bank open for a time to clear any outstanding payments when we transferred to People's Bank in Galena. All Cecil Bank accounts are now closed. Member DeVary motioned to accept the June Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cecilton Activity Report: Mayor Cooper thanked Deputy Walmsley and the Cecil County Sheriff's Department for their help with the parade and fireworks. Administrator Cooper agreed and commented on what a great evening it was. There were no questions concerning the activity report.

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith reported that one of the main chlorine injector lines corroded away and broke. It was caught quickly and the plant was shut down. Smith and Maintenance Personnel Rehuss repiped the whole thing and took care of it. At the WWTP the blower on the chlorine contact tank that aerates is PVC pipe. It is being held together until Smith can get some galvanized pipe to replace it. Both pumps are running well. No questions were asked concerning the report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Public Comments:

Resident Ranae Henry questioned who owned the old school/annex property. Administrator Cooper replied that the town owns the property. Henry continued to express that they would like to have a plaque put there and they need to see who to contact to see if that could be done. Admin Cooper replied that the town owns the property and as of right now, unless the Mayor and Council is thinking something different, the land is going to remain the way it is until we are ready to sell it. As far as requesting a plaque that would be directed toward them (Mayor and Council) and they would make the determination. Mayor Cooper asked what kind of plaque. Henry replied that would be a historical plaque that you see along the road. That is there plans of what they are trying to do and who they see about it. Mayor Cooper asked if that would be the state. Administrator Cooper expressed that she would have to research it, she has never been involved in that. She has a contact she could reach out to. Member DeVary expressed that he thought they (state) would have to deem the whole property as historical landmark. Admin Cooper continued that she did not know and that would have to be researched.

Henry then continued to ask if we had any idea when the dedication of the memorial wall was going to take place. Admin Cooper replied that she did not. That is with Home Partnership. Henry can ask Home Partnership, Frank Hodgetts, when that will occur. Admin Cooper said that she did go into the school and the bricks are installed. The last time she was in there, there were no plaques. Resident Hester Wise interjected that it is just a blank brick wall right now. Henry expressed that the wall is not that big and it means that they are going to have to downsize their pictures. Resident Rocklyn Benson expressed that her thought process was for showing the teachers who taught there. Henry continued in that others thought about doing a mural. Benson said that can't be done because it is not that big. She continued in saying that she thought like a wall with the principal and the two teachers. She figured that there is not enough room for a mural. Admin Cooper made the recommendation that at the next month's meeting, we ask Frank Hodgetts to come and these would be questions for Hodgetts. We could let him know in advanced, so that he could be prepared. We would all meet again here. Resident Wise, who also works for Home Partnership as a liaison between them and the Senior Village residents, will contact Frank Hodgetts about attending. Admin Cooper indicated that next month's meeting will be moved to Monday, August 23rd. If Hodgetts could come and bring images, etc. She continued to express that whatever he has to propose, that he bring it. Henry then asked if there were any bricks left to do a fundraiser. Admin Cooper replied that she needs to find out about the bricks. The bricks that are in the school now, a company came out, removed the mortar, and treated them to be able to be installed in the wall. Any excess needs to be asked of Hodgetts for their intentions. One time there was an idea of a sidewalk at the church. This would be other questions to ask in August. Cooper asked Wise again if she is going to schedule him to be here. Admin Cooper knows that there is supposed to be a plaque with Levi Coppin on it and the history of the school. Other than that she does not know what is proposed. Cooper asked Wise to please make sure that Hodgetts knows of the new date for the meeting. Benson commented that the town is going to sell the piece of property. Admin Cooper replied someday we are. It is important to know that we are in a position where we have to generate revenue. We are basically running on our water and sewer revenue. Because we have businesses leaving town and vacant properties, we do not generate revenue like towns that have tons of businesses and tons of homes. We are not in a position to hold onto and maintain things that cost us money. It is a tough decision. We are not in a hurry to do it. At some time there will be a for sale sign because we have to have ways to generate revenue to keep our town going. To keep it so we can afford our water and sewer bills and afford our property taxes, because the less revenue we have the more expensive it is to be able to live here. There are plenty of people in town that do not know how we pay our bills. That is why we will have to do it,

sell it eventually. Henry expressed now that they know that Hodgetts will be scheduled for the 23rd, maybe more of the committee will be able to come. Cooper also suggested to Wise to ask Meredith McAllister (Home Partnership) to come. This would be a good time for McAllister to get familiar to people in the town. Admin Cooper thanked Henry, Benson, and Wise for coming to the meeting. She also thanked Wise for her position with Home Partnership and how important it was to have someone that was local.

Wise indicated that there are two single bedroom units and one two bedroom unit at 80% level available in the Senior Village available to rent. Benson asked why senior places are so expensive. Wise indicated it goes off your income. They do have some that if your income is low the state will help you but you have to get in there before they are all rented out. There is a rent schedule. Admin Cooper explained that the idea of the places is for transition. We have a diverse group of population. We have some with homes on the water with a lot available to them and then we have some seniors that have less available to them. It gives everybody an opportunity to potentially transition and stay where they live. Prior to this, people had to move to Chestertown, Wilmington, or Elkton. So that is why it was designed that way, Home Partnership could give everyone an opportunity that was eligible to live in this area.


Admin Cooper commented that Wise threw a really good picnic (at the Senior Village) last Friday, which she extended an invitation to town staff. It was nice to meet those living over there.

The possibility of an event in the town park for the community was mentioned.

Good of the Order:


Michael Cooper
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,


Teresa Quinn