

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021

The Mayor and Council held a Work and Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, December 20, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Sue Katzmire, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

November 15, 2021 Mayor and Council Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Katzmire motioned to accept the Monday, November 15, 2021 Work and Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

November Final Financials:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Cecil County Red Sand Project: Erica Fielder, Human Trafficking Regional Navigator for Cecil County, works with CPS and law enforcement developing a response to human trafficking. She provides resources to those victims. January 2022 is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Last year, the task force developed the Red Sand Project, because of COVID they weren't able to as much outreach as the team had wanted. She has purchased red sand for the entire county and the hope is to do pop-up events in each of the towns to distribute small packets of red sand to be filled in the cracks in the sidewalk/pavement to bring awareness to survivors of human trafficking and to let them know that they are visible. The project was developed by Molly Gochman, artist, it is relative to any labor trafficking/sex trafficking victims. She is reaching out to make it more available and would like to coordinate dates that individuals could pick it up. Mayor, Council, and Administrator agreed that it was a worthwhile project to make people aware. Resident John Katzmire asked if there was advertising to put out to explain what the red sand in the cracks of the sidewalk means once it is laid. Fielder provided a general informational flyer for the purpose of this meeting. She plans on advertising on social media about the dates of which towns are doing the event. She is trying to make one day in each town. Date for the Town of Cecilton will be forthcoming.

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy Walmsley was present for the report. Council Members expressed that calls have gone down. Discussion of some calls on the report. Discussion of deputy coverage for 2022. Administrator Cooper expressed concern about spending. Discussion about speeding and what could be done. Will check to see if some of the CARES Act money could be used for portable electric speed signs.

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith was present to review the report. Smith discussed issues addressed during the month of November. After the 1st of the year, he is scheduled to work with our maintenance men to get the other blower installed. Discussion of looking into getting the water tower cleaned in and out, and get painted.

1st Annual Bed Race: Member Sue Katzmire explained that teams make a bed on wheels, one person sits in the bed and three people push it. Each bed has a theme. It could be done as a fundraiser. She was thinking about doing it at the Cecilton Senior Village area and could have a party afterward with trophies for winners in different categories. Would look to do the activity in the spring. Discussion of using the loop around the senior housing and how it would allow the seniors to watch the event from their porches. Date was decided to be the evening of Friday, April 1st. Funds would be raised to benefit Faith in Action. Continued discussion of entry fee, food, advertising, sponsors, etc.

Pearce Creek Outstanding Hydrant Fee: Administrator Cooper explained that there are 4 Pearce Creek properties that have not paid for their hydrant fees. What is our recourse? Attorney Yeager asked if not paid, then take them to tax sale. The bill are not high enough for tax sale. Two refused to hook up and 2 are lots. They cannot sell or get a permit until they hook up. Yeager continued in saying if we could take it to tax sale. Treasurer Roland will check into amount allowed for tax sale. Administrator Cooper wanted to know if we have anyway to get the outstanding money.

OLD BUSINESS:

148/150 South Bohemia: Attorney Yeager explained the owners of 148 and 150 South Bohemia went to the Board of Appeals because they needed a setback variance for the property line. In looking at the property, the property could be divided in such a way that the setbacks could be met. They have done that, therefore they do not need a variance.

Public Comments:

Mayor Cooper thanked everyone for the Christmas Party and decorating of Town Hall.

Good of the Order:



Michael Cooper
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn