

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, April 22, 2024. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Jennie Brockell, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Meeting was call to order at 7:00 pm.
All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW:

Proposed FY 2025 Budget: Mayor and Council were provided with the Proposed FY2025 Budget. Mayor Cooper expressed that in looking at the budget, consideration needs to be given the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated at an estimate of \$50,000, the waste water treatment plan is in need of repair and the infrastructure is in need of maintenance. Maryland Rural Water will be scheduling a smoke test within the next few weeks and that will give a better idea of our sewer infrastructure. Mayor and Council and the community will be notified when that will occur. Also, some upgrades are needed to Town Hall. The upper portion and area to the left are in need of repair. In addition, there are some streets in need of repair (Elizabeth Way and Center). It is recommended that a tax increase of 10 cents per \$100. Cecilton is the lowest tax rate in the county and even with the increase will still be the lowest in the county. Taxes have not been increased in years. Even raising taxes will not cover everything needed, so decisions will still need to be made. Member asked about WTC property and would money come in from that. Stated that could be a couple years out and even at that if it is not approved by the Mayor and Council no money would come from it. The focus for them at this point seems to be the greenhouse. Nothing more has come in concerning their plans. Even the connection for the manager's house is a couple years out. The greenhouse is out of town limits. Nothing new has come in about the end of Rickard's lot. Also need to keep in mind that Susquehanna Operational Service contract increases by 3% each year. Materials and services are constantly going up. Currently there is a pump that is being repaired. We have loans on our water and waste water facility, as well as one on a parcel of the park property. Overall, the Town is a business that needs to be able to sustain itself. At the next meeting, it will start with a public hearing where Mayor and Council can share their thoughts and feelings and then they will leave the public hearing to act on the budget. Then if they approve, it can be enacted.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market: Colleen Upp and Pamela Holland brought a couple of packets to give an idea of what they are thinking about. Ms. Upp said that she has talked to some more potential vendors. About 80% of them are local people. The Town's insurance company (LGIT) was contacted. They said that anyone that would come onto our property would be covered by our insurance. They did make some recommendations. Any documentation that is they (Market organizers) received to be on the property that we have a copy as well. That we have a contract between us and them that states what they are going to do and how they are going to do it. That they are not going to hold us responsible. The town cannot accept any money, if we are not assuming responsibility. Whatever they accept we (the Town) should know what they accept, how much it is and where it is going. It can be donated to Faith in Action. The Town would have a contract with the organizers and receive copies of the vendor contracts. Holland presented a rough contract. Discussion of whether the market would be one weekend a month or every weekend. To be clear that the town would benefit in that something is being provided to our community, but would not benefit monetarily. Holland and Upp would be the ones doing the administrative part of the market. Request would be to have a port-a-potty available. There would be expense to that. Upp and Holland will need to decide to the frequency, charge, time, etc. for approval from the Mayor and Council. Upp discussed what they would like to do was looking at 9 am – 1pm with Farmer's Market on Saturdays and Flea Market on Sundays. Farmer's Market would include crafters and food items. Upp discussed a set up for vendors and parking. They have thought of some names but have not decided on a final name. Discussion of frequency and how it would impact the other seasonal events. It was suggested that they do it every other weekend, come up with a name, and then a contract. Would like to start in May if possible and do two weekends a month. They would provide Town Hall staff with the flyers to post of Facebook, the Town website, and the marquee. Draft contract was reviewed by Mayor and Council.

Member Zack motioned for adjournment. Member Brockell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56pm.



Michael Cooper
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn