

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2025

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, April 21, 2025. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Jennie Brockell, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Hester Wise, Member

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

Review and Act:

March 17, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Member DeVary motioned to accept the March 17, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Brockell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March Final Financials: Member Brockell motioned to accept the March Financials. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith and Heather Perry were present to review the report. Regular monthly maintenance and cleaning conducted. Reed beds cleaned out, repair to influent pump #1. Both plants in full compliance. Discussion of reed beds clean out.

Cecilton Activity Report: Corporal Dix was not present to go over the report. Discussion of someone being hit in the parking lot of Royal Farms (April – not in the current report for March). Member Wise asked the Administrator Cooper inquire to Corporal Dix about the report of someone going through the trash bins on Levi Coppin Street.

Town Election: Discussion of expensive of holding election, advertising and election judges. When you have an election that is unopposed, it doesn't make sense to hold an election. There would involve a charter amendment. Member DeVary made a motion for Town Hall staff to move forward in preparing a charter amendment that indicates that if there is no opposition in an election, an election does not have to be held. Member Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FY2026 Budget: FY2026 Budget was presented for review to Mayor and Council for review.

Personal Property Tax Increase FY2026: Discussion of personal property tax increase. This tax is applied to businesses based on the state assessments. This rate has not been increased in at least 18 years and is the lowest in the county. The current tax is 80 cents per \$100. Looked at

what other municipalities were charging. Discussion of changing it to what Chesapeake City charges of \$2.53/\$100 since they are similar to Cecilton in size. Mayor and Council asked Clerk Treasurer Jones to prepare a few examples of the difference in the income for an increase of personal property tax.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Bethel Cemetery Clean Up: Discussion of possible dates that John Katzmire, who has the equipment, would be available to assist. Member Wise will identify a date with John Katzmire.

4th Annual Bed Race: The Bed Race was huge success. Discussion of improvements for next year, such as ways to make donations and asking for unperishable food.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Town of Cecilton, Cecilton Volunteer Fire Department, Zion Methodist Church and all the community were thanked for the successful Easter Egg Hunt and they are looking forward to it next year. Administrator Cooper expressed how wonderful it was, organized, and well attended. It was very nice to have the egg hunt again.

Union Bethel Church's Chicken and Fish dinner was fantastic.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Union Bethel is trying to have a multicultural event at the carnival grounds in August.

The fire department is trying to get the carnival grounds in shape and are doing a wonderful job.

Memorial Day Ruck is on Monday, May 26th at 9am.

Tractor Parade will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Steven Cooper and friend Baxter are working on the softball league for this year.

Member DeVary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Brockell seconded the meeting.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn



Michael Cooper

Mayor