

**TOWN OF CECILTON**  
**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting**  
**Monday, December 18, 2023**

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, December 18, 2023. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Jennie Brockell, Member

Craig Devary, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

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

**REVIEW AND ACT:**

**November 20, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member Brockell motioned to accept the November 20, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Katzmire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WWTP and Water Supply Report:** Jordan Smith reviewed the report. General monthly services were performed. Influent composite sampling for the WWTP PER Study was completed and sent to the engineers. Everything is running well. Administrator Cooper expressed that there always been standing water out by the carnival grounds. Continuing to keep an eye on it. Smith tested the water and there was no chlorine present. Maryland Rural Water tested it and it was positive for chlorine. Every subsequent test has been negative for chlorine. Joe Tiley, Lecco Excavating, came out to do an exploratory dig and did not find anything. Smith said he would test it again after it dries up from the current 4 inches of rain. May also consider having Maryland Rural Water come with a device that can detect any water running.

**Cecilton Activity Report:** Administrator Cooper met with Deputy Walmsley last week updated him on the speeding concerns that were expressed at the last meeting. She also informed him that we have received the permit for the electronic speed limit sign. After a 30-day period, it has to be shut off for a period of time. It cannot be left up and running. She understands that other towns are keeping those up, but we are following the rules and doing it the way it is supposed to be done. When we finally got the permit, it takes 6 weeks to get the sign. When the sign comes in, Admin Cooper and Maintenance Supervisor Jackson will get it up at the location that was approved by State Highway. Again, we are doing it the way State Highway has requested us to. So, she updated Walmsley on the sign and the speeding concerns. It will flash if you are going over the limit and it will keep data. She will share the data with Walmsley, so he will know when the highest rate of speeders is. It does not provide data that can do anything other than that. It can be a tool to tell him what times would be best to have radar. It is not data that can be used to charge anyone for speeding or anything like that. Member DeVary asked Deputy Walmsley if in

surrounding areas with the sign, if speeding has decreased. He replied that it depends on the type of person. The common person will see and automatically slow down. He feels it will probably help reduce the number of people speeding. He says that he needs to follow up with the traffic unit, but we might get a license plate reader that will give data for stolen tags and unregistered vehicles. Member Katzmire asked if the sign can still record the speed when the flashing light is not on. She feels it might not be an accurate read if people see their speed. It will be similar to the trailer used by the Sheriff's Department. It will pick up your speed as soon as it sees you before you hit the limit sign. It will also record you slowing down.

Walmsley referred to a call about the deputy schedule. There is a set schedule of who and when a deputy patrols the town. There may be someone there that is on the regular schedule, not working for the Town. When there is a concern, then Admin Cooper will check in with Walmsley to see if they are on regular patrol or on the Town's time.

Member Zack asked a question concerning an incident on the report about someone refusing to leave Royal Farms. Whether he is a resident of Cecilton or not. Admin Cooper has been in contact with Parklands Management concerning a unit that has had multiple police calls and what can be done with that according to their lease.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Electronic Speed Sign:** Admin Cooper reiterated what she said earlier concern the speeding concerns and the update on the sign. She expressed again she ordered that sign the day the permit was received, but it is a 6-week process to get the sign made and delivered. She feels positive that it will be a deterrent and a reminder to slow down for many people.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Administrator Cooper thanked Hester Wise for her investment as the Cecilton Senior Village liaison between the Town and Home Partnership and the Outreach Coordinator.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Mayor Cooper thanked Admin Cooper and staff for the great job in decorating town hall. The annual open house and the Santa House were great events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

  
Michael Cooper  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
Teresa Quinn