

**TOWN OF CECILTON**  
**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Craig DeVary, Member

Hester Wise, Member

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

**Review and Act:**

**January 21, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes:** Member Wise motioned to accept the January 21, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WTTP and Water Supply Report:** Jordan Smith and Heather Perry were present to review the report. Water flow was higher due to a couple of leaks that were in town. These have been addressed. Daily operations and monthly maintenance were performed. Both plants were in compliance.

**Cecilton Activity Report:** Corporal Dix was present to review the report. Month was pretty quiet. Dix asked if there was a preference in two- or four-hour blocks of coverage by deputies. Time blocks aren't as important has trying to address speeding concerns. Discussion of having coverage for the Bed Race on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There hasn't been an issue in the past, but the police presence is appreciated.

**120 South Bohemia Avenue:** Brian Taylor introduced himself. He explained that he has signed a lease to use the rental place at 120 South Bohemia Avenue to open Cecilton Fitness. It will one on one personal training and small fitness class studio. Impact on parking will be minimal. Hours will be 7am -7pm during the week with some classes on Saturday mornings. He is licensed and insured. He is trying to open on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Taylor explained what type of program he would be offering and where he would try to advertise. Possible grand opening and ribbon cutting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

**200 East Main Street:** Concerns were expressed concerning the condition of the property, trash, untagged vehicles, etc. Calls to the owner have been made but not returned. The Town has cited and fined the owner for infractions and the fines have not been paid. There is the option for the fines to be sent to the county for tax sale of the property. Does the Mayor and Council want to proceed in this way? Administrator Cooper explained to him that if he contacted her, they could work together to get the infractions resolved but she has received no response. Discussion that tax sale may have the owner out of there, but could be more than a year. Also, it may not get to that point, once it goes to the county, he can pay the fines off. Feeling is that he has the means to

pay it, but does not. Discussion of the property/ the number of people living there and those that are not on the lease. Continued discussion of the trash around the building and being thrown into the neighbor's yard. Health department, county zoning and permitting has been contacted, as well as, welfare checks concerning the number of people living in the building. Nothing can be done. Certified letter will be sent to the owner informing that his property was a topic of discussion at the February Mayor and Council Meeting and will be on the agenda again in March. The letter will also indicate that he may want to be in attendance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Trash Collection Contract:** Member Wise expressed that she would like to have yard waste cans and be on a regular schedule. Attorney Yeager suggested looking at Chesapeake City's trash collection contract. Discussion of a range of scheduled time for pickup. Suggestions that if the contractor is unable to pick up trash in the allotted time frame, then he will notify the town. That way the town will know. Another possibility, is that if the contractor cannot pick up the trash in the allotted time, then the town gives a time period for it to get picked up. Discussion that the previous hauler if they provided 2 household cans, a yard waste can and a recycle can and didn't have staffing issues, then we wouldn't have had to make a change. We had been with them along time, but this service became a problem. We were told that they sold the company to Cassella. They were having a hard time finding drivers. When the previous company was contacted, they did not even know us as their customer. It was brought up that the previous contractor only picked up yard waste every other week. We can put it out to bid and get references from other municipalities. The current company, Corey Sanitation, stepped in when the town had a trash issue. He has been member of the community helping out where he can and easy to work with. Concern that has been expressed that trash is being left in cans if it is not bagged. Suggested inviting Corey to the next meeting to discuss concerns and contract going forward.

**Maintenance Truck Update:** Maintenance Supervisor Jackson is still researching the possibilities and places to get the best deal.

**Chesapeake Utilities Franchise Agreement:** Attorney Yeager went over the agreement pay out. Member Craig motioned to accept Chesapeake Utilities Franchise Agreement, with the typographical errors being corrected and subject to the clarification on the amount of the total payments. Member Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

Union Bethel Cemetery Clean Up – Will confirm the date with the Katzmires (who have the equipment).

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cecilton Bed Race – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Discussion about next meeting being on St. Patrick's Day. Decided to continue with meeting as scheduled on Monday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Asked to sign card and gift card for AJ Walmsley as being our Sheriff's Department liaison.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Cooper

Mayor



Teresa Quinn