

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, June 17, 2024. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Jennie Brockell, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Hester Wise, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 FY BUDGET:

Member Brockell motioned to go into public hearing. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Meeting went into public hearing. Mayor Cooper explained that need to go back over the budget reviewed in the previous meeting. Discussion of imposing the tax increase. Member Katzmire stated the purpose for a tax increase from 0.2265 to 0.3265 per 100. There were no questions or comments from the public. There were two public hearings on this tax increase and it was advertised in the newspaper, on the website, and on the town hall door. Member Brockell motioned to move out of public hearing.

Review and Act:

Vote FY 2025 Budget: Member Katzmire seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor and Council closed the public hearing. Member Katzmire made a motion to accept the 2025 FY budget with the tax rate increase of 0.10 per 100. Member DeVary seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

May 20, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Member DeVary motioned to accept the May 20, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Brockell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

April/ May Final Financials: April/May Final Financials were reviewed. Member DeVary motioned to accept the April/May Final Financials as written. Member Brockell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

WTPP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith was present to review the report. He introduced Heather Perry who is an operator in training and will be attending the meetings in the future. The wastewater treatment plant flow was down from last month. Monthly maintenance was performed. Monthly maintenance was performed on the water treatment plan. Both plants are in compliance. Member Katzmire asked about the result of the smoke test. Administrator Cooper said that she would have Maintenance Supervisor Bubby Jackson attend the next

month's meeting to review the results of the smoke test. Overall the test went well. Some residents watched the tests. Some residents were missing clean out caps, which is an easy and inexpensive fix.

Cecilton Activity Report: Deputy Walmsley was not able to attend to review the report. Mayor and Council reviewed the activity report. Member Brockell expressed that she has seen deputies sitting out by the ballfields more often. It was noticed that there were several domestic calls on the report. Member DeVary questioned about cones on Creamery Street. Administrator Cooper investigated and does not know why they are there. They will be removed.

Comment was made that the sunflowers planted in the blockade troughs look nice. Discussion on trimming of the trees in Frisbys Meadows. Some residents trim them themselves, others do not. Administrator Cooper expressed that they are welcome to and that there is no place that states that the Town is responsible for maintaining them. In the past, Johnson Tree Company had been out there twice to trim them. They are supposed to grow together at the top. Member DeVary has noticed that there are some that need to be trimmed to keep the sidewalk clear. Administrator Cooper asked if she could ask maintenance to trim them to save money rather than asking Johnson for an estimate. Members were fine with maintenance doing the trimming.

Administrator Cooper stated that on Thursday, she has a meeting with a gentleman who is currently under contract for the remaining Frisby's Meadow lots. He has not purchased them yet, just under contract. It is her understanding that his intentions are to complete the project as intended. His name is Tom Minor. He is a professional engineer and the vice president of Frederick Ward Associates and is associated with GEM Craft Homes. Cooper does not have any specifics at this point. There are 17 lots left.

Administrator Cooper has not had the chance to go about getting estimates for replacing the Frisby's Meadows signs. They were handmade and she is not sure how to go about finding someone that makes handmade signs. She asked for suggestions. Discussion of the possibility of a brick/masonry sign. Members suggested getting an estimate for a masonry sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chesapeake Utilities Contract: Administrator Cooper reiterated that the changes in the meeting minutes from last month is what the Mayor and Council want in the contract then she will contact Chesapeake Utilities for the changes and the members will sign the contract and move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mayor Cooper thanked Administrator Cooper, Maintenance Supervisor Jackson, and Maintenance workers Spratt and Harris for getting the time capsule plaque in place.

Administrator Cooper expressed the fun of the Cecilton Softball League. In October, there will be adult kickball games. She is checking into a wiffle ball game for the kids.

Member DeVary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Brockell seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Cooper

Mayor



Teresa Quinn
Respectfully submitted,