

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Jennie Brockell, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Hester Wise, Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm.
All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Act:

January 20, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Member Brockell motioned to accept the January 20, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

January Final Financials: Member Katzmire motioned to accept the January Final Financials as written. Member Brockell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual Audit: Jim Baxter, CPA, was present to review the FY 2025 Audit. He reviewed the assets and liabilities for the two accounts, general and enterprise. Total assets and liabilities were similar to the previous year. There were no questions from Mayor and Council. Town made all schedule payments. Very similar to the previous year. Baxter explained depreciation on facilities. Income from both funds are relatively consistent to the prior year. Report is available for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith and Heather Perry were in attendance to review the report. At the waste water plant, the influent wet well was cleaned out. Pulled influent wet-well level transduced and cleaned it. Ran effluent chemical lines in pvc to prevent freezing. Completed monthly maintenance. Completed the annual sewer capacity management report and sent it to MDE. Applied for temporary sewage sludge hauling permit for digester and sent it to MDE. High flow for the month of January at the water plant. Completed monthly maintenance. Both plants were in compliance for the month of January.

Chris Rogers, AECOM was present. McCrone reached out to Rogers concerning Jake VanWingerden wanting to revisit the annexation. Rogers reached out to Administrator Cooper and she in turn asked that Rogers attend the meeting so that the Mayor and Council are abreast that this conversation is starting again. Rogers explained that about a month ago he received a call from McCrone on behalf of Jake VanWingerden about the annexation. According to Dave

Cecilton Activity Report: Sergeant Dixon was in attendance to review the report. There were no questions about the report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charter Amendment for Uncontested Election: Charter Amendment 2026 -02 Uncontested Election. Last meeting, Mayor and Council voted to not hold an annual election if candidates were running uncontested. Members and Town Attorney Scott signed the charter amendment.

Personal Property Rate Increase: Several months ago, Mayor and Council agreed and voted on increasing the personal property rate. Members were provided with Cecil County municipality rates for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. These rates showed that many towns increased their rates in the 2025/2026 year. Cecilton has had the lowest rate for years. Other municipalities that are similar in size have their rate the same as the county rate of 2.4560%. Once the rate is determined and voted on, then it will be reported to the state. Member Brockell made a motion to increase the personal property tax rate to 2.456% that matches the county. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Good of the Order:

Life on the Chesapeake Exhibit was a great event.

Next event is the Bed Race. Two teams have registered so far. Spread the word.

Would like to see Faith in Action have an online app for donations. Then individuals and teams could make a donation. Member Katzmire has tried to approach the Faith in Action coordinators about an account. At that time, they weren't receptive. Member Katzmire will approach them again. She also commented that she would like to get some raffle baskets this year.

Member Brockell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member DeVary seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Cooper

Mayor



Teresa Quinn