

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND**

**Town Meeting**

**March 9, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 with Mayor Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mayor Tammy Simpson  
Councilperson Regina Blake  
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Gary Weber, Town Manager  
Andy McGee, Police Chief  
Martin Sullivan, Code Official  
Russell Harrison, WWTP Superintendent  
Lounell Hamstead, Finance Manager  
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director  
Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum Director  
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator  
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Michael Franklin, Caroline Phillips & Scott Rose, AGH  
Pam Schroeder, Senator Carozza's office

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**SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION**

Mayor Tammy Simpson called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Invocation was made by Pastor Markel Thomas of Ebenezer UMC.

**MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS**

Expression of openness of communication, challenges and perceptions. Is the Mayor, Council, Town Manager and staff's responsibility to get the work of the Town done, is the citizen's responsibility to be involved and take in the information provided. All are encouraged to contact Town Hall anytime with questions, comments and concerns, welcome the conversation. Invitation to serve on Grants Committee.

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Open Session 3-2-2021:*

\* Presented for approval, Councilperson Harrison motioned, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor.

*Closed Session 3-2-2021:*

\* Presented for approval, Councilperson Harrison motioned, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor.

**Special Guests from AGH:** Michael Franklin & Scott Rose - Annual Update, COVID over last year. Not a single COVID patient in hospital as this time. Described current and future status, difficulty bringing physician to Snow Hill, small volume of patients.

**Worcester County Fair** - Request to move the grounds to Sturgis Park, in September. Mayor discussed possibility, also use of our other facilities on a small scale to Community organizations. Discussion between Council and Mayor.

**Blues Jam** – Fall possibility. Aiming for same lineup. Ticket purchasers will be notified when rescheduled.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Did not receive the grant for PNC Bank damage repair, moving ahead with repairs. Won't have window wall, future project, roof. Grants committee being formed. \$60K awarded, grants for citizens, Council decisions on how to disburse. Still waiting on other grants. Riverwalk drawings complete, to be presented to Critical Areas, so we can begin project. Council asked status of infrastructure on boat docking. TM described details of pilings to address tidal changes. PWKS working with electrician for correct hookup.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

The Finance Report for February, 2021 was presented, no changes. Councilperson Harrison motioned to approve, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor, approved.

### **MEDIA, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR/Main Street Manager**

The Media, Marketing and Promotions Report and Main Street Manager Report for February, 2021 was presented verbally, no changes. Discussed upcoming Bike Ride event, businesses opening, Code Red mass comm company; Tourism Talks mtg, website work with Omni Tech, budget ask the same total, Brown Box Theatre application; Grants work with MSAC; Oyster Roast April 18<sup>th</sup> as a drive thru event; Return to Goat Island date June 19<sup>th</sup>; Main Street: OAG TAG Grant for Market Analysis update. First Friday earmarked for May. Table for April Town Hall meeting.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Code Enforcement Report was presented by Mayor for February, 2021. Huntingfields beginning foundations and building, homes going up within next month. Pleasant Manor moving right along with renovations, look phenomenal.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Report for February, 2021 was presented, no changes. PNC Bank renovation start Thursday, Sturgis Park landscaping, Black-Eyed Susan electrical at dock, will have power ready for it; Huntingfields electric, curb and gutter, water, sewer, storm drains, asphalt finished Friday, first phase complete, foundations soon.

### **WWTP REPORT**

Wastewater Report for February, 2021 was presented. Met with MDE re: discharge from plant to Pocomoke River, we were not out of permit. Sleeve still needed.

**MUSEUM REPORT**

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for February, 2021. Online programming, visitors slowly returning, school group came – been a long time! Attended SH United Storytelling Event, archiving that event.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Police Department Report for February, 2021 was presented. Kids returning to school, be watchful of traffic; speeding issues on Market Street, working with SHA on pedestrian safety.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Fire Department Report for February, 2021 was presented by Mayor Simpson. Fire, EMS, calls reported.

Mayor invited Pat from Senator Carozza's office to speak, she offered accessibility and is here for the Senator to see what support is needed. Challenge is unemployment.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- Properties, including Black-Eyed Susan - putting BES on regular budget (3 items: repairs every 5 years, insurance and fees, loan; Captain always on boat, Operator is running restaurant on water
- Capital Improvement Budget – vehicles in PD and PWKS; fees, Purnell Street, same projects still on there, I & I moved to top of list
- Mayor's proposed budget will be put out to public
- Mayor asked Council to vote on referendum process, amounts, table until budget session on 3/23 with Council Weidner present; will present other small towns on Eastern Shore numbers for salaries

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilperson Harrison – great presentation AGH, dept heads doing excellent job; hopeful about COVID changing.

Councilperson Blake – agree with Lisa, vaccinations, getting to end of tunnel, numbers going down, soon be with loved ones, thanks to AGH and staff and Mayor, asked for prayers for her family.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Simpson thankful for Council and staff, getting outdoors in Spring, PWKS sprucing up, feels like we're coming out of this, keep safe, contact us at Town Hall, call or visit.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Candidate Jenn Jewell:

Are citizens allowed to come to all public meetings, yes, less meetings this year, no overhaul this year. Timeline for water fees? Will be done as an Ordinance, two readings/public meetings.

Council Harrison commented that charter is requiring us to do this to maintain the plant, takes it out of our hands.

Candidate Jewell asked if it would help to educate public re: estimated \$5 per quarter, side by side comparison of other towns' fees. Mayor & Council agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Harrison, seconded by Councilperson Blake and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Resto