

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Town Meeting

January 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 with Mayor Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Tammy Simpson
Councilperson Regina Blake
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison
Councilperson Melisa Weidner

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Andy McGee, Police Chief
Lounell Hamstead, Finance Manager
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum Director
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator
Fire Chief Trey Heiser
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION

Mayor Tammy Simpson called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Invocation was made by Councilperson Regina Blake.

MEETING MINUTES

- Work Session Open Session 1-5-2021 presented for approval, Councilperson Weidner motioned, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor.
- Work Session Closed Session 1-5-2021 presented for approval, Councilperson Weidner motioned, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mike Pruitt, Anthony Bevilacqua, Pamela Coston, Jim Washington, Dave Englehart, Suzanne Thompson, Fran Price (Pat Hudson absent, to be sworn in at another meeting)

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Urged all to follow COVID protocols.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mayor presented for Town Manager: Riverwalk beginning work done; Black-Eyed Susan coming along; awaiting approval of several grants for PNC Bank bldg.; reiterate COVID protocols be followed.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report for December, 2020 was presented, no changes. Councilperson Harrison motioned to approve, Councilperson Weidner seconded, approved.

MEDIA, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR/Main Street Manager

The Media, Marketing and Promotions Report and Main Street Manager Report for December, 2020 was presented verbally, no changes. Presented at WC Tourism, stay safe in pandemic; Holiday events safe and successful; parklet removal and storage; now board member at Furnace Town, new E.D. Claudia Nagle and revitalization happening there; bikeways grant recvd in December, Town invited to join WC Bikeway Coalition; attended 2 Chamber Board meetings. Mayor asked how Oyster event will be adapted and what do they need for Town; Jere they're looking for suggestions and feedback on Drive thru event, or not at all; other brainstorms discussed. They will meet on Thursday. Mayor and Jere invited help, ideas, feedback prior to Thursday's meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Report was presented by Mayor for December, 2020, no changes. Huntingfields moving smoothly, begin building in February, finish in 60-90 days. Many permits issued for small projects.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report was presented for December, 2020 was presented, no changes. Huntingfields moving along as it's supposed to.

WWTP REPORT

Wastewater Report for December, 2020 was presented. Permit was received by MDE for interior cleaning. Flushing of hydrants and area by jail showed, numbers are improved.

MUSEUM REPORT

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for December, 2020. Recovering from changes, small COVID scared, all negative and reopened. Grant for video tour, bring museum to people. Mayor asked how to view video. Dr. Byrd stated they started their own YouTube channel, will be put on site.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department Report for December, 2020 was presented. Slight increase in unlocked vehicles being ransacked. Speed bump in place. Speed camera updated on Coulbourne. In service training, online this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department Report was presented by Chief Heiser for December, 2020. Calls reported for the month. Call volume down, people scared to go to hospital due to COVID. Still having funding issues. Not meeting or doing training days. Discussion between Council and Chief regarding what was funded by County and what wasn't and why.

OLD BUSINESS – CARES Act Funds

Deadline extension for submission for one year through December 2021. Discussion on what was funded and what wasn't and why, remaining balance, Food Pantry.

NEW BUSINESS –

None presented.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilperson Blake – COVID fatigue, but keep following guidelines and be mindful.

Councilperson Harrison – concurred with Councilperson Blake; in a very dangerous situation, hit home with people in our Town, new regulations on vaccines to open to 65+, etc...

Councilperson Weidner – thanked all staff and employees, challenging times; Chief, Public Works; well-oiled machine; continue to be safe and put love out into the world.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Kindness goes a long way, strangers and friends; safety is of the utmost importance. Our team working at Town – blessed, all pulling the same cart. In the face of any adversity, we're still continue and make things better. Councilperson Weidner – commented on kindness toward her when her cat was injured, so many came out of the woodwork to offer help and kind words, thanked all. Randy Barfield – thank Council, Mayor, Gary, Trey, Public Works dept, not from Snow Hill, thank all for help and support, Mayor and Council too.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizen thanked Mayor and Council. Asked about access to reports prior to meeting. Mayor will consult with Margot Resto re: best way to give access.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Harrison, seconded by Councilperson Blake and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Resto