

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Town Meeting

January 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Train Station at 200 Belt Street on Tuesday January 14, 2020 with Councilwoman LaToya Purnell presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Councilwoman LaToya Purnell
Councilwoman Melisa Weidner
Councilwoman Alison Gadoua

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Martin Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer
Lounell Hamstead, Finance Officer
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Cindy Byrd, Director of Purnell Museum
Bob Burnett, Police (Lieutenant)
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION

Councilwoman Alison Gadoua called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation.

COUNCIL’S OPENING COMMENTS

Announcement of new hire, Jeré Johnson, Media Marketing Promotions Coordinator – she presented briefly what she’s working on
Julie Butler – temp position for Front Desk while out
Don Giancoli – announcement of hire – budgetary consultant
Councilwoman Gadoua handed the presiding over to Councilwoman LaToya Purnell.

MEETING MINUTES

Work Session minutes for December 3, 2019 not ready - need edits before approval.
Meeting minutes for December 10, 2019 were approved.
Motion to approve December 10, 2019 minutes, seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Report for December, 2019 was presented and approved. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Code Enforcement Report for December 2019 was presented.

Mr. Sullivan announced that he passed test for Residential Building test, now on to Commercial. Toy Town update – windows in, scaffolding down. No final certificate of occupancy yet, will look over it and should be approved soon.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report was presented for December, 2019. Security camera system status – should be done soon.

Trash & recycling – explained division of materials in limited truck space. Separated at site. This week will go back to recycling truck, unless there's a large load of cardboard and need for more space. Is in code that boxes are supposed to be broken down, but aren't, so they have to take them to reduce amount blowing around. Notes are given to residents. Repeat violators are given to Code official.

Holiday trash and recycling collection schedule – better communication. Mayor's mailer?

WWTP REPORT

Wastewater Report was presented for December 2019. Contracted with Suez for water tower, scheduled to take water tower down and paint inside, 4-6 weeks. Schedule with Town Manager – this or another year?

MUSEUM REPORT

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for December 2019. Working on grants this time of year. Exhibit or artifacts with LSLT. Applying for grant with NEA to take an exhibit program into nursing homes to work with memory, object based story-telling.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department Report was presented. Still looking for FT Secretary. No further comments.

OLD BUSINESS – None to report.

NEW BUSINESS – New restaurant, Taco Time. Next door, Tran’s place – restaurant moving in.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL -

None to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

- N/A – not present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Someone’s been hired to help Mayor with budget – didn’t we hire Accountant? Forensic auditor hired for services once per year, not employee. Changed auditors, TGM group. Finance Manager now oversees accounts receivable and billing, with budget consultant to advise. Want to know before it happens (hire of consultant). Want to be made aware, more transparency.
- Council commented that Mayor, according to charter, should provide monthly report, Mayor is working hard, but want more communication, could help him work on things, more collaborative. Mayor had authority to hire him. We’re in odd position now because of Town Manager not in place. How close are we to Town Manager? Mr. Giancoli put his resume for Town Manager, may be a contender for this position.
- Possibly update charter.
- One looked after finances, one looked after streets, etc... Now no one on Council knows anything. Council commented not able to do job like before.
- Continue conversation with Mayor here to be able to respond, valid concerns.
- Citizen commented that it should be the same tone as now – calm and respectful.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council thanked people for coming. With no further discussion, the meeting was Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Resto