

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Work Session

10-27-2020

A work session with Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Old Fire Hall on Green Street on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 with Mayor Tammy Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Gary Weber
Police Chief Andy McGee
Administrative Assistant Margot Resto
Public Works Director Randy Barfield

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Town Hall Meeting October 13, 2020. **Motion to approve, seconded, all in favor.**
2. **Bulk Trash** – Bulk trash pickup date set for 11-18-2020. Will post on social media, site, marquis.
3. **Ordinance 2020-03** – Stop Signs, etc...-Status -ready to go, Chief will begin process for permits, etc...
4. **Sidewalks and Blighted Housing** –
 - a. Sidewalks: goal is every neighborhood to schools. R. Barfield provided list of all houses that don't have sidewalks. Working with SHA. Shared info on new Public Works hire who is concrete professional and savings to Town, instead of hiring outside contractors for each job. Mayor related it to how we did in-house tree limb trimming if homeowners ask for help, or grants available. Safety is priority.
 - b. Blighted Houses – can't burn, too close to power lines. Covington St – Randy – can tear it down with our equipment, take a bit of time. Purnell & Belt – someone is working with family to take down house and create a park in honor of mother; Mayor asked to see if we can move this ahead. Martin & Church – in process, checking if salvageable. Collins St. Council said go ahead with demo of Covington. Gary will follow up with Purnell. Poss grant money for open space.
5. **Council Appointments** – Boards & Commissions –

- a. Planning & Zoning Commission – 5-yr, 5 members; description of position; reappointments and additions, replacements
 - b. Process of selection, those who write-in interest, look at bringing in all aspects of community (Citizen inquired what process was, if diversity encouraged, when announced, suggestion that Town should reach out to people of color in community)
 - c. Town Manager – letter sent to every door asking for volunteers previously, on website list of commissions with expiration date; those who expressed interest were brought to Council, welcome diversity
 - d. Suggestion reduce term length, Council suggestion to post on social media, reach out to community, stagger terms
 - e. Continued discussion, Mayor tabled discussion and asked for motion to move into closed session
- 6. Closed Session – Annexation requests** – motion to move into Closed Session made by Councilperson Blake, seconded by Councilperson Weidner. All in favor. Statement read by Councilperson Weidner. The time was 5:17pm. Motion to move back into Open Session by Councilperson Weidner, seconded by Councilperson Blake, all in favor.
- 7. Return to Open Session at 5:43pm:** Mayor and Council shared what was discussed regarding annexation requests– discussed, tabled, no further action at this time. Mayor generally discussed the topic of Boards & Commissions, goal to complete filling of these committees at next Town Hall meeting, November. Post on social media, website request for volunteers to submit letter of qualifications to town to be considered by Council for appointment.
- 8. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Weidner, seconded by Councilperson Lisa Harrison. The time was 5:47pm.