

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Town Meeting

October 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Old Fire Hall on Green Street on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 with Mayor Tammy Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Tammy Simpson
Town Manager Gary Weber
Councilperson Regina Blake
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison
Councilperson Melisa Weidner

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Andy McGee, Police Chief
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum Director
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Invocation was made by Pastor Joshua Berry.

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Simpson expressed excitement about areas of progress, activities happening in Town, cautiously optimistic; COVID safety protocols reinforced.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve October 6, 2020 Work Session meeting minutes. Council Weidner motion to approve, Council Blake seconded and all approved.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Snow Hill Service Award presented by Mayor Simpson to Andrew Brown.
Mayor commented about appreciation of D.A.R. service work done in Byrd Park.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Reported on Community Legacy Grant, CARES Act Proposal, Havre de Grace – Boat update, Huntingfields progress, Pleasant Manor repairs, New Businesses: Oaked 110, Emporium, Ice Cream and Candy Shop; Facebook not a platform for Town business, gave cell phone and email address to contact any day or time.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report for September, 2020 was presented, no changes. Council Harrison motion to approve, Council Blake seconded, all in favor and approved.

MEDIA, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR/Main Street Manager

The Media, Marketing and Promotions Report and Main Street Manager Report for September, 2020 was presented, no changes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Official absent due to medical leave. Hoping for his return soon. Town Manager commented on Martin Street.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report was presented for September, 2020 was presented by Randy Barfield. No changes.

WWTP REPORT

Wastewater Report for September, 2020 was presented, no changes.

MUSEUM REPORT

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for September, 2020. Open for business, Home school groups looking for things to do coming to Museum, Fiber Fest cancelled due to low vendor participation; Julia's Birthday party still on! - Turns 177 on 10/27/20.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike, Assistant Chief, reported on call volume, thanked Town for talking to homeowners about limbs; also for working on hydrants/water supply; Black-Eyed Susan – water pump? Mayor commented that she spoke with Trey about this a few weeks ago and was aware.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department Report for September, 2020 was presented. Up to 117 cases of COVID in 21863; discussed procedures of non-compliance, mostly compliant; police dept regularly doing spot checks, especially in crowds.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS - Main Street Community Legacy Grant Letter of Support

Main Street requested letter of support from Mayor for grant for streetscaping, beautification of Town – downtown Commercial Historic District. Discussion on specifics of grant, uses – trees, plants, planters outdoor art. Combined applications favored. Mayor asked for clarification on process, content. Town Manager shared concern over modern look, want to keep in Victorian, historic district style. Discussion on committee to be formed, combined agreement on what it should look like. Dr. Byrd offered help – experience serving on similar committee. Mayor clarified Town and Main Street collaborate and agree on what is decided/chosen. Motion made to approve letter of support by Council Blake, seconded by Council Weidner, all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilperson Weidner – good to see faces, thanked staff for all the work they do.

Councilperson Harrison commented on excitement for beautification, details about Service Award, hopes for moving forward in a positive manner.

Councilperson Blake – good to see faces, move forward for betterment of Snow Hill, thanked Mayor and Town Manager for all they do daily.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor echoed Council's sentiments, working together with all parts of Snow Hill; have a really good team at Town Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor opened floor for comments.

Resident – question about CARES funding, Mayor discussed uses and reimbursements, determining process.

Snow Hill United representative announced work on Community Quilt, thanked Business Center for paper donation, also working on Community Clean-Up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Weidner, seconded by Council Harrison and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Resto