

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

Work Session

6-2-2020

A work session with Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via telephone conference due to the COVID-19 protocols on Tuesday June 2, 2020 with presiding. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

- Councilwoman Alison Gadoua
- Councilwoman Melisa Weidner
- Councilwoman Regina Blake
- Administrative Assistant Margot Resto
- Police Chief Andy McGee
- Grants Administrator Ann Gibb

BIKEWAYS GRANT LETTER

Ann Gibb explanation of grant letter details and its time-sensitivity. Applying for \$75K, 20% match (\$15K from Town if we get it). Need signed tomorrow. All in favor.

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Lisa Outten Harrison – 69 votes, Catherine Freeman – 52. Discussion on Board of Elections waiting until Thursday, June 4th to pick up final ballots to confirm if any are postmarked May 28, 2020 or before. If yes, Board will gather and count those. If no, votes will be official.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were presented for approval.
5/26/2020 – Town Hall Meeting: Motion to approve, seconded, all in favor, approved.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Councilperson Gadoua discussion of process from its beginnings to now. Reference to recent email between Jack Sullivan of Campion Hruby and Councilperson Gadoua, it seeming like a new subject to him, but has been in process for some time. May 2018 discussion of open space not blocking view of river, but too much not good for humans and pollinators, park underutilized. View of structure could potentially draw visitors, creating a destination, educational programs. Reference to Mayor Dorman letter of support for grant for Butterfly House. LSLT had researched and brought to a point with Town that seemed like close to ground breaking. Then interim Mayor came, Town Manager left, stalled. Visited Monkton MD

Butterfly House with Town Staff. Stalled since then. Current MOU not complete/returned from attorney yet. Discussion on taking on insurance, fall under property and liability insurance for \$94.00 additional per year. Discussion on LSLT investors. Councilperson Gadoua communicating what needs to be done going forward with Town and LSLT to make this happen if that's what's wanted by Council. How to honor donors going forward after temporary structure gone, possibly informational structure showing where House was. Discussion on type of structure, temporary hoop house/greenhouse, entrance permanent structure, could be information station.

Councilperson Weidner – discussion on all wanting this, just agreeing on best space and way to do it.

Councilperson Gadoua – advising Council to stick to it, be persistent to push it forward.

PNC BUILDING

Councilperson Gadoua discussion on previous interested buyers. Why Town purchased bank building for \$255K: County wanted it, didn't want another County-owned building on riverfront, prime real estate. Received grant money from state for \$150K, intention was specific as destination business (brew pub, restaurant). Concern state would make us pay grant back if we sold it. Confirmed recently that we've met the terms of grant, no issue with that. There has been interest in the building. If investors get wind that Council not in support of certain types of business, lose them. Done via resolution, unanimously voted on by Council, can sell property, have power and ability to do so, you also want Mayor to be on board. There is an interested buyer, looking into flood insurance, etc... Discussion on the PNC public meeting in August 2019. Overwhelming majority favored restaurant, brew pub, destination. Less than \$115K left on mortgage. Current condition unknown.

Councilperson Weidner – still termite damage, needs new roof, money in budget FY'21.

Councilperson Gadoua offered help and availability after leaving Council.

SPEEDING COMPLAINTS – MORRIS STREET

Councilperson Blake – discussion on complaints of speeding, children around. No signs in worst area, especially at night.

Chief McGee – new complaint area. West Martin Street complaints too. Green Street, conducted survey over last week, per results, options on Green:

1. Stop sign at Bank, and on Green St.
2. Speed bump at City Hall

Other streets:

1. 4-way stop at West Martin.
2. More enforcement

Notifying all – you'll hear sirens 6pm from Seniors.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Gadoua – parting thoughts and wishes for Council going forward, past role of Council and its involvement.

Councilperson Weidner appreciation for Councilperson Gadoua’s service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Outten Harrison – projected winner, comment and thanks for service; Councilperson Gadoua response of wishing luck.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion received a Second. All in favor to adjourn. The time was 5:15 pm.