

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND**

**Town Hall Meeting**

**June 8, 2021**

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, June 8, 2021 with outgoing Mayor Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Outgoing Mayor Tammy Simpson  
Incoming Mayor Jennifer R. Jewell, Ph. D.  
Councilperson Regina Blake  
Councilperson Melisa Weidner

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Andy McGee, Police Chief  
Lounell Hamstead, Finance Manager  
Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum Director  
Russell Harrison, Superintendent of Water/Wastewater  
Martin Sullivan, Code Official  
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director  
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator  
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant

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Mayor Tammy Simpson called the meeting to order.

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Work Session June 1, 2021:*

\* Presented for approval, Councilperson Blake motioned, Councilperson Weidner seconded, all in favor.

**Election Results** – Official – presented by Chair Jan King

Swearing in: Mayor Jennifer Jewell by Clerk of Courts Susan Braniecki

Swearing in: Council people Regina Blake and Melisa Weidner

**MAYOR’S OPENING COMMENTS**

Mayor Jewell opened with challenges, goals of infrastructure and economic development, safety and health always the priority, it’s not either/or – it’s both/and.

**PROCLAMATION** – LGBTQIA+ Pride Month – Mayor Jewell invited PFLAG representatives and presented the Proclamation, and the representatives spoke about PFLAG

**FINANCE MANAGER REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, no changes, Motioned for approval by Councilperson Weidner, seconded by Councilperson Blake, all in favor.

**MEDIA MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, Jere Johnson gave updates on recent actions and events.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, added recent dentist office on Washington Street issues – safety concern for brick façade, being addressed.

**WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, comments on transducer being installed so we can go ahead with water tower work.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, Black-Eyed Susan in Crisfield overnight, then go to Pocomoke, then try for Snow Hill Thurs or Fri. Huntingfields update. Paving project update, budget available. Catherine Lane waiting for signature of one property owner. Will use infrastructure grant from County to move on to Commerce Street, then Division, then Gunby, then Martin, Collins. Mayor informed that Catherine is last dirt road in Snow Hill. Morgan Run – update on last meeting’s discussion. Who owns retention pond. Update on spraying inquiries. BES update – Mayor Jewell asked Randy to communicate with Jere Johnson so she can post to public and invite.

**MUSEUM REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, gave update on upcoming events, Judy Johnson, Juneteenth; July 2<sup>nd</sup> selling glowsticks for fireworks event at First Friday.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, will add personnel for 4<sup>th</sup> of July; speed concerns being addressed, speed signs will be ordered in a week.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Presented for May 2021, reported calls; recvd word from Cty re: funding for personnel as of July 1<sup>st</sup>; Asked status of ARP funding for equipment, requested meeting w Mayor to update

**ORDINANCE READING** – No. 2021-06 10-month Budget Amendment; Mayor Jewell read it aloud – Second Reading and adoption. Council Weidner motion to accept, Council Blake seconded, all in favor.

**RESOLUTION READING** – No. 2021-02 Replacement/Adoption of Official Zoning Map. Administrative Assistant Margot Resto did reading, adoption. Council Weidner motion to accept, Council Blake seconded, all in favor.

**TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Mayor Jewell reviewed process, position requirements, responsibilities, skills, tasks. Has been advertised since March, kept extending it until Mayor Jewell in office, explained why. Extended advertising locations to City and County Mgmt Associations. Explained Search Committee process, named members with attention to diversity of gender and race; screening interviews; selection process; June 25<sup>th</sup> first consideration, finish process within month after that; Council Weidner, Steve Martin, Margaret Fletcher, Margot Resto, one additional resident will be asked.

**CHARTER COMMITTEE:** Mayor Simpson generated a list of people from earlier search; Mayor Jewell will form committee. Explained charge of committee: review thoroughly, offer recommendations, some will be smaller and decided by Council; larger decisions will need public input/vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilperson Blake congratulated Mayor Jewell,

Councilperson Weidner: thank you for voting for me, thank you to all that you do

Randy thanked Gary, Tammy Council for all equipment, all you do

Mayor Jewell thanked Council, Mayor Simpson for service and transition and stepping in

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Simpson thankful for Department Heads, Council and staff, getting outdoors in Spring, , feels like we're coming out of this, keep safe, keep numbers decreasing. Excited about all the things getting done, happening in accordance with Strategic Plan, making progress.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Creech/Fire Department thanked Mayor and Council for help as resident of Morgan Run

Nick Haglich congratulated Mayor Jewell

Cathy Freeman thanked Mayor for including her on Charter Cmte; Bicycle Parade July First Friday. Diana Nolte commented about available decorations for bike parade, starts at 5pm in parking lot. Spoke to NAACP and family members of Judy Johnson invited, June 19 at 11am at library. PWKS Larry Lynch reported on shortage of trucks, may not get them, COVID – factories at half capacity. Lorissa McAllister thanked public servants for taking us through a hard year.

Sophika asked if we could shift the time of Work Sessions from 4:30 to 6:00, as business owners can't get here at that time. Mayor said we can talk about that at next Work Session.

Citizen asked if water comes out rusty and has a smell. Russ said it's usually due to hydrant flushing, run water longer, will look into that. Purnell and Covington Streets

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Weidner, seconded by Councilperson Blake and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.