

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Town Meeting

August 11, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via telephone conference on Tuesday August 11, 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 Melisa Weidner
Councilperson Regina Blake
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Weber did the invocation.

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Simpson thanked everyone for support she's received, excited about great things.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve August 4, 2020 Work Session meeting minutes. Council Harrison motion to approve, Council Weidner seconded and approved.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report for August, 2020 was presented, no changes. Council Weidner 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 August, 2020 was presented, no changes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Official absent due to medical leave. Town Manager Weber reported on updates that Kevin Brown is covering his post, getting close on Pleasant Manor on last loan to finance repairs, agreement signed. Purnell House close to occupancy and final steps toward MOU closure and settlement. Huntingfields has begun preliminary construction.

Councilperson Harrison inquired about Pleasant Manor, TM explained that we own land it sits on, we signed a lease agreement for land.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report was presented for August, 2020 was presented by Randy Barfield. Discussion about storm and limbs and debris. Hired outside 2 contractors to take care of limbs, will be picked up tomorrow. Explanation of code and procedure with trash, recycling, bulk pickup and what will be followed/will not be picked up.

Councilperson Harrison suggested a letter to remind everyone about these rules.

Mr. Barfield supports whatever Town Hall wants to do.

Mayor Simpson agrees, suggestion to communicate to residents, asks for kindness and respect for the Public Works crew.

WWTP REPORT

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

MUSEUM REPORT

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for August, 2020. National Women's Suffrage Month. Will be posting articles, clippings, etc... online to celebrate this. Mayor noticed that laptop and reading area. Working on projects during COVID.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department Report for August, 2020 was presented, no changes. Up to 56 cases of COVID last 7 days. Suggests we cancel 2020 National Night Out, revisit in Spring. Waiting for bids on flooring at Police Station. Sing Randy's praises and crew, worked very hard together. Team effort was definitely on display last Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS

Street Sweeper Resolution – introduced, read and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Received a letter from Jim Washington requesting to be on Charter Review Committee, is now Chair.

Will reach out to citizens. Invitation to serve on committee by emailing or calling Town Hall.

Councilperson Harrison nominates Catherine Freeman to be on committee. Mayor will notify Mr. Washington.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilperson Blake thanked everyone, Public Works, families, Chief for coming together to cleanup and help each other after storm, as one team, one Town, one family.

Councilperson Harrison thanked Public Works crew for all their hard work and dedication; also looking forward to future with Council and Town as a team.

Councilperson Weidner concurred with other Council's comments, looking forward to this administration, good things are in the works.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mirroring of Council's comments; Town pulled together, Randy and his guys hit a home run every time. Work ethic top notch.

Councilperson Harrison asked Jere Johnson, asked her to look into carnival rides, foot in the door, after everything is over, bring whole town together. Consult with Mike Pruitt for contact.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cathy Freeman thanked Councilperson Harrison for nominating. NAACP voter registration August 23rd 4:30-6:30pm in your car.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council Blake, seconded by Council Weidner and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Resto