

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

Present: Mayor Claude J. Morales, Jr.
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Michelle Holland (arrived late)
Council Jason E. Manning
Council David Rice

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Media: Dorian Mitchell

Attendees: Sheriff Price, Kent County Sheriff's Department; Andrew Meehan and Stephen Kirby, Cambio Wi-Fi; Wendy Costa; and Piers & Cannon Heriz-Smith, BSA Troop 145

Cannon Heriz-Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Hemstock, a second by Rice; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Price reviewed the report for January 2017. There were 63 speed assignments resulting in 26 warnings, and 22 citations. The Sheriff's Department responded to 6 non-criminal complaints and 3 criminal complaints: 1 robbery, still under investigation and 2 drug arrests.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: The MES report was reviewed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. Jo Manning discussed changes that will be made to the budget and financials as requested by the auditor. Mrs. Manning also discussed the Income Tax Revenue audit by the State. She stated that Millington was under paid \$13,070 for Kent County and was over paid \$4,825 for Queen Anne's County. The state already paid the Town the difference of those two amounts. There are other municipalities are submitting support letters to waive the repayment of audited income tax overpayment to the State. A motion to add that Millington requests that if other municipalities are forgiven that Millington would receive the \$4,825 that was deducted to the letter and send the letter was made by Rice, a second was made by Hemstock a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Town Administrator Report: The Town Administrator's Report was reviewed.

- Morales, Mrs. Manning, and Bourne attended a meeting with SHA to discuss the state highway project and the Town relocating water and sewer conflicts. They requested either an MOU with the Town or the Town to commit \$100,000 to the project.
- Budget: Mrs. Manning discussed the QAC Tax Set Off. A motion to return the excess tax amount back to the property owners was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Rice; a vote of 5-0 was entered.
- Lawn Services: Rice stated that he would like to see what the cost would be to contract the service of mowing, weeding, and spraying in order to make an informed decision on whether to bid out the service or purchase a new lawn mower. He also stated that the advertisement that Mrs. Manning created was good to use.
- ESMEC Representative: Holland said she would be the representative and to let her know when the meetings are.
- Federal Reserve Funds: A motion to ask BB&T not to collateralize the account was made by Morales, a second was made by Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Code Enforcement Report: The code enforcement report was reviewed. The council stated that all properties that received citations for not complying with the rental inspection process are still required to pay the fines listed on the citation.

Engineer Report: Bourne discussed the PER for Millington's WWTP

Old Business:

- Boy Scout Troop 145: Piers and Cannon Heriz-Smith were in attendance on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 145 to accept a certificate of appreciation from the Town of Millington for the restructuring of the pedestrian bridge over the Millington Tax Ditch.
- Resolution 2017-01: Morales opened the public hearing for Resolution 2017-01 to amend Chapter 22 and Chapter 65 of the Code. There was no public comment. A motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Holland; a vote of 5-0 was entered.
- Cambio Wi-Fi: Andrew Meehan and Stephen Kirby were in attendance on behalf of Cambio Wi-Fi to discuss the Tower License Agreement that they submitted to the Town. The council would like to review the agreement and they would like a number figure for the income that the Town may receive based on the 5% of revenues listed in the agreement.
- MML Convention Hotel: A motion to stay at the Grand Hotel and if someone wants to stay somewhere different they will have to pay the difference if it will cost more than staying at the Grand was made by Rice, a second was made by Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

New Business:

- ESMEC Representative: Discussed during Town Administrator's Report.
- Absentee Ballots: Rice explained that the current application should be changed because he felt that it limited the number of qualified absentee voters. A motion to include an eighth qualification for an absentee ballot to include anyone who is not physically able to attend the Town Election was made by Rice, a second was made by Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered.
- SHA – Urban Revitalization Project: Discussed during Town Administrator's Report.
- Millington Elementary School Consolidation: Hemstock proposed Resolution 2017-02 to the council and read the resolution aloud. A motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 with the removal of the public hearing date was made by Rice, a second was made by Manning; a vote of 5-0 was entered.
- Delmarva Denial of Service for New Residential Solar in Millington: Rice explained that residents in Millington cannot have solar panels installed because Delmarva Power states that the church substation needs to be upgraded, which would cost about \$35,000. Hemstock suggested that Rice should file a complaint with the Public Service Commission.

Correspondence: All correspondence was reviewed.

Upcoming Events: Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Rice. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Rice, a second by Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marshall
Town Clerk-Treasurer