

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018

Present: Mayor C J Morales, Jr.
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Wayne Starkey

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Trish McGee, Kent County News, Chief Deputy Culp, Frank Hodgetts, Joyce Morales, Warren Wright of QAC Goes Purple, and David Wright, Attorney

Call meeting to order: Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2018 meeting was made by Hemstock; a second by Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered. A motion to approve the minutes from the closed session held July 10, 2018 was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report - Chief deputy Culp provided the monthly report for police coverage. For the month of July there were 48 speed assignments with 31 warnings issued and 18 citations, 5 criminal complaints, second degree assault cleared by exception, sexual child abuse under investigation, CDS arrest cleared by arrest, theft one burglary under investigation and 13 non-criminal calls for service. Chief Deputy Culp stated sheriff's office did not use the any of the special funds.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: Report was reviewed.

Town Administrator Report: Report was reviewed. Water leak repaired at Back and Crane street. Manning recommended consideration to purchase cameras for Robvanary Park be installed to help prosecute vandals. Manning suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony for the community center in the office once completed.

Senior Housing: Mr. Hodgetts discussed the current proposal for the Senior Housing project. Council discussed the future use of the lot purchased in the spring along Sassafras street that can be used as parking or as a second entrance/exit to the project. Hodgetts stated the plan shows 16 units and asked about the following: a trail system, a bridge over the tax ditch, and ways to make the project walkable to services throughout the Town. The service agreement needs to be signed and completed and a meeting scheduled with public participation as well as all agencies that deal with seniors. Hemstock asked about security. Hodgetts suggested we meet with the Fire Marshall and local police to discuss safety and proper lighting. Hodgetts assured the Council the plan would agree with the guidelines as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. Once all documentation is completed, funding is in place, permits are secured the construction phase is estimated to be 10-12 months.

Comprehensive Plan: The meeting was opened for public comment with regards to amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as submitted by the Planning Commission. There was no public in attendance nor

any comments. Hemstock stated he found numerous spelling and grammar issues, as well as errors with Street names. Manning will review and make the necessary corrections.

New Business:

QAC Goes Purple representative, Warren Wright, presented information on the go purple movement stating the kickoff is in September. He stated the creator of the movement, Kris Hern, will be visiting Queen Anne's County on November 13 & 14.

Manning asked if the Town was going to do a "clean-up day" as it had in the past. She shared concerns of non-residents bringing debris, overflowing of dumpster, items being left next to dumpster, etc. It was agreed that a postcard would be sent to all residents that would need to be presented prior to dumping. The hours will be 8:00 until the dumpster is full. It will be kept at the water plant to allow for the gate to be locked once the dumpster is full Starkey made a motion to restrict users to town property owners with the post card as proof of residency, Hemstock seconded the motion, vote of 3-0 entered.

A permit from the Community Volunteer Fire Company was reviewed for the closing of streets for the parade on Millington Day. A motion to approve the permit and waive the fee was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Closed Session: Hemstock made a motion to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation regarding the Town's water system at 7:22 PM, Starkey second the motion, a vote of 3-0 entered. After a discussion with Attorney Wright, the closed session was adjourned at 7:40 PM with a motion by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, and a vote of 3-0 was entered. The public meeting reopened at 7:41 with a motion by Hemstock, a second by Manning, and a vote of 3-0 entered. Morales stated the Council instructed Attorney Wright to submit a letter to Kent County regarding the need to amend the utility agreements and emphasize the issue with water loss due to the leaks in the system.

With no further business to discuss a motion to close at 7:55 PM was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Patterson
Town Clerk