

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Train Station at 200 Belt Street on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 with Mayor John Dorman presiding and was called to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor John Dorman
Councilwoman Latoya Purnell
Councilwoman Jenny Hall
Councilwoman Alison Cook

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager
Trish Goodsell, Asst. to the Town Manager
Jon Hill, Code Enforcement Officer
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Cindy Byrd, Museum Director
Tom Davis, Chief of Police

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

Mayor Dorman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by The Lord's Prayer, led by Councilwoman Purnell.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for July 2018 by Councilwoman Purnell and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was given to approve the Finance Report for July 2018 by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Purnell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mrs. Pruitt added that the Snow Hill Youth Fishing Derby has been scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9:30am – 11:30am. Registration forms are available at tonight's meeting, as well as at Town Hall and at www.snowhillmd.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

No questions or comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No questions or comments.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Barfield advised that Stevens Street paving has been completed. Weather permitting, Coulbourne Lane paving will begin on Thursday, August 16th and be completed by Tuesday, August 21st. All residents have been notified to remove cars from the street, as well as the schools.

WWTP REPORT

No questions or comments.

MUSEUM REPORT

Dr. Byrd advised that they just finished the Heritage Arts for Kids program, showing a record number of participants.

Staff has been working to prepare for Fiber Fest scheduled for October 13th, preparing for the Salisbury Folk Festival, and working on the cultural heritage book. Many people have been contacting staff with information on who to interview for the book, as well as providing old photographs.

POLICE REPORT

The Council thanked Chief Davis for their efforts with National Night Out, with Councilwoman Purnell questioning if citizens are permitted to be a part of the planning. Chief Davis encouraged them to speak with Regana Fontaine, Administrative Aide, who organizes the event, adding that they have several ideas for next year.

Councilwoman Hall complemented Chief Davis on all the work he has done lately.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2018-05 Halloween Regulations

Mrs. Goodsell read the Ordinance into record, which is to amend Chapter 96 of the Town Code to change the maximum age for persons to wear masks and trick-or-treat in town. The Code states the age is 12 and under. This Ordinance would change the age to 15 and under.

A motion was given to adopt the Ordinance by Councilwoman Cook and was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The results of the vote were: 3 in favor; 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business proposed.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Dorman reminded everyone of many events coming up:
 - Work Session – August 28th
 - National Folk Festival – September 7-9
 - Snow Hill Youth Fishing Derby – September 8
 - Worcester County Fair – September 14 - 16
 - Ride to Sturgis – September 15th

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Purnell thanked everyone for attending and expressed that the Council wants to hear from the citizens. She added that if anyone needs their contact information they would be glad to provide it. She also stated that she wanted to dispel the rumors she has heard regarding why Mrs. Pruitt decided not to retire. She explained that she, along with her other Council representatives had requested she reconsider and encouraged her to stay.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1. Resident Carolyn Brown stated that she feels the Mayor and Council should allow public input before adopting legislation, adding they may wish to check the rules of order on procedures. Councilwoman Hall responded that input can be received after the Ordinance is introduced. Councilwoman Purnell said she appreciated her comments and they would look at this issue.
2. Resident Sylvester Bratten thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him the use of the gator for his church event.

Councilwoman Cook gave a motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

Following a motion by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Hall, the Council voted to meet in closed session at 7:19pm at the Train Station for personnel, as permitted under the provision of Section 3-305 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Topics discussed, and actions taken included:

- Discussion had for one personnel issue

Councilwoman Cook left Executive Closed Session and re-entered into open session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Goodsell, Assistant Town Manager