

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

TOWN MEETING

MAY 14, 2019

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, May 14, 2019 with Mayor Steve Mathews presiding and was called to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Steve Mathews
Councilwoman LaToya Purnell
Councilwoman Jenny Hall
Councilwoman Alison Gadoua

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Trish Goodsell, Assistant Town Manager
Jordy Kuczak, Economic Development/Events Coordinator
Martin Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / INVOCATION

Mayor Mathews called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation led by Sylvester Bratten.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Mathews welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Mayor-elect Gary Weber and Central District Council-elect Melisa Weidner on their newly elected positions. He added that it appeared Western District Councilwoman LaToya Purnell would remain in her seat for another term. He thanked Councilwoman Jenny Hall for her years of service.

Mayor Mathews introduced Martin Sullivan, the newly hired Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Mathews reminded everyone that Town Manager Kelly Pruitt will be retiring at the end of May.

PROCLAMATION – APPLE DRUGS

Trish Goodsell read a Proclamation recognizing Apple Drugs 25th Anniversary. Jeff Sherr was present with longtime employee Ann to receive the Proclamation from Mayor Mathews.

PROCLAMATION – JENNY HALL

Trish Goodsell read a Proclamation honoring Jenny Hall for her years of service to the Central District Town Council, which was presented by Mayor Mathews.

MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Mathews pointed out that minutes were included from the Public Hearing held on de-annexation.

A motion was given to approve the Town Meeting minutes for April 2019 by Councilwoman Gadoua 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 April 2019 by Councilwoman Purnell and was seconded by Councilwoman Gadoua. 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 - No questions or comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mrs. Kuczak advised that a car show is being held on Saturday, May 18th from 12:00pm – 2:00pm on W. Green Street. This is part of the Ocean City Cruz-In weekend.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - No questions or comments.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Sylvester Bratten questioned when the bridge would be fixed in Byrd Park. Mr. Barfield advised he is waiting on parts and then will repair. Mr. Bratten questioned if cameras could be installed to assist in reducing the recent vandalism. Mr. Barfield responded that he would install cameras if the elected officials requested them.

WWTP REPORT - No questions or comments.

MUSEUM REPORT - No questions or comments.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Mathews advised that the new Police Chief will start on June 10, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2019-03 Annual Budget FY19-20

This Ordinance passes the annual budget for the Town for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The taxes have not increased this year.

A motion was given to approve the Ordinance by Councilwoman Hall 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2019-01 Charter Amendment – De-annexation**

This Resolution amends the Charter and the description of the corporate boundaries of the Town of Snow Hill by deleting Section 3-e to detach the properties known as the Summerfield Annexation.

A motion was given to approve the Resolution by Councilwoman Gadoua 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

2. **Ordinance No. 2019-04 Zoning Code – Inns Introduction**

This Ordinance will amend Chapter 200 by adding regulations on an Inn. This will be presented for adoption at the June town meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Mathews thanked the Council for allowing him to serve again.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilwoman Purnell thanked Mayor Mathews and Councilwoman Hall for their service. She congratulated the newly elected officials and said she looks forward to everyone working together.

Councilwoman Gadoua concurred with Councilwoman Purnell's sentiments, adding that she wanted to formally recognize Kelly Pruitt for her years of service and dedication to the Town. Mayor Mathews added that she is the longest serving Town Manager for Snow Hill.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1. Resident Carolyn Brown questioned why the pay raises for the elected officials were not included in the election. Mayor Mathews explained that it was not put on the voting machines by mistake and can be put on the ballot for the next election. He added that this will give people more time to encourage the citizens to vote in favor of the increases and explain the importance of the increase.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Goodsell, Assistant Town Manager