

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020

Present: Vice-Mayor Kevin Hemstock
Council Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: virtual meeting held through conference call due to coronavirus pandemic and State mandates; in attendance via phone were Trish McGee of Kent County News, and Michael Cottrell.

Call meeting to order: Vice - Mayor Hemstock called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the May 12, 2020 meeting was entered by Council Manning; a second by Council Holland, a vote of 3-0 was entered. A motion to approve the minutes of the closed meeting on May 12, 2020 to discuss personnel pay rates was entered by Council Manning, a second by Council Holland, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report – Report was provided for review via email. Council Hemstock asked that the Town notify the Sheriff's Office of traffic traveling over the posted speed limit between the hours of 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, with the majority of the offenders from Delaware.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: Reviewed.

Town Administrator Report: Reviewed.

Engineer's Report: none provided

Old Business:

Budget – Resolution 2020-04 - a motion to open the “Public Hearing” for adoption of the budget was made by Council Holland at 6:50 PM, a second by Council Manning, a vote of 3-0 was entered. The budget will remain flat the upcoming fiscal year due to potential impact from the coronavirus pandemic, there were no new fees or rate adjustments made to current fees. Council Holland asked for an explanation of the line item “Council Stipend”. This is available per the Town's Charter which has been historically waived by Council. Resident Michael Cottrell asked if the budget was available on the Town's website; the proposed budget was posted on the website prior to the May meeting. With no further comment the public hearing was closed at 7:00 PM by a motion from Council Manning, a second by Council Holland, a vote of 3-0 was entered. A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-04 to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2021 was made by Council Manning, a second by Council Holland, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

New Business:

Resolution 2020-05 to amend the zoning ordinance was introduced by Council Hemstock . The amendments will allow artisan industrial establishments, data centers, farm breweries, medical cannabis facilities, and wineries; as well as clarify the definition of public recreation and safety services permissible within the Town. These changes allow the Town to grow and be competitive in the solicitation of new businesses. A public hearing will be set for the July meeting of the Council.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Council comments: An announcement was made that the Millington Pool will not open this summer due to the coronavirus restrictions by Kent County Parks and Recreation. An email was received from Mr. Jayden Herrold requesting the Town comment on the recent “George Floyd” situation and the ongoing protesting and riots. Council agreed to not comment or address the situation at this time.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence for review.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM was entered by Council Manning, seconded by Council Holland, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning
Town Administrator