

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Present: Council Wayne Starkey
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Kent County Sheriff Sgt Stuart Lodge, Gary McGinnis

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

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the August 13, 2019 meeting was entered by Council Starkey; a second by Council Holland, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Stuart Lodge provided the monthly report for coverage in Millington. The month of August was a very quiet month with no complaints. There were no issues with National Night Out nor school bus issues as reported at the beginning of the school year 2018. Holland asked if the Sheriff's Department was going to participate in "Shop with a Cop" this year; Lodge will check into this and report back to the town office. Lodge assured the Council there would be a police presence at Millington Day.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed. Questions arose regarding the Russum property not being a primary residence any longer; the concern of someone renting to a family member and whether documentation should be needed. There was concern regarding the lean-to built on the Schelts property that backs up to Hazel Lane; Jo Manning assured a letter was sent regarding this issue.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: Reviewed; Jo Manning will contact the County regarding hydrant flushing and the color of the water last month during a fire call.

Town Mangers Report: Reviewed. Council discussed the hiring process for the clerk's position. It was agreed to offer 20-25 hours per week; hours to be determined. Hemstock would like to see 9:00 – 1:00 or 9:00 – 2:00; Starkey would like to see all day, 5 days a week. Manning asked if it would be possible to change the Town Administrator from part-time to full-time. Jo Manning responded that it could be a possible solution if the Council would agree to hire a part-time clerk to assist with answering the phone, typing, research, and assisting walk-in traffic. A request was received from the Fire Company to issue a support letter for a project to build a large storage shed in the Critical Areas section of the property. There was discussion of the Zoning Ordinance and that this type of structure is not allowed by the Zoning Ordinance in this area. There are also concerns regarding the requirements and allowances of the public drainage ditch setbacks. Jo Manning will begin research by contacting the State agency that regulates tax ditches.

Engineer's Report: none provided

New Business: nothing at this time

Public Comments:

Gary McGinnis stated his concern with the SHA project. He complained about the decrease in the project scope and that the paving is not being done in a timely manner. He also issued his concern that Kent County Commission only concerns itself with Chestertown and Rock Hall; he felt that the County stops at 301 with its funding efforts. Mr. McGinnis shared his concern with the drainage issues at his house on Cypress Street due to water pooling on the roadway and over the curb. Vice-Mayor Hemstock explained there were issues that arose that have delayed the project, issues not originally addressed by SHA and found by the contractor.

Council comments: no comments.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM was entered by Council Starkey, seconded by Council Manning, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning
Town Administrator