

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Present: Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Michelle Holland
Council Jason E. Manning
Council Wayne Starkey

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Attendees: Deputy Culp, Kent County Sheriff's Department; John Schratwieser and Leslie Raimond, Kent County Arts Council; Jessica Morales; Darlene Johnston; Patty Cartagena-Santiago; and Rahul Dutta

Media: Dorian Mitchell

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Starkey, a second by Hemstock; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Deputy Culp reviewed the report for August 2017. There were 55 speed assignments resulting in 35 warnings and 21 citations. The Sheriff's Department responded to 7 non-criminal complaints and 1 criminal complaint for a 4th degree sex offense under investigation. Patty Cartagena-Santiago expressed her concern of kids and teens being at the pavilion and the skateboard park late at night. Deputy Culp stated that he will instruct deputies to make additional patrols in that area.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: The MES report was reviewed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed.

Town Administrator Report: The Town Administrator's Report was reviewed. She met with a technician for Cambio Wi-Fi at the water tower and he informed her that the wires preventing the hatch from closing belonged to Cambio Wi-Fi. She will be meeting him at the tower again so that he can finish the installation and fix what needs to be fixed. Roger Reed requested an appeal for the rental property code enforcement violation. The audit is almost complete.

Code Enforcement Report: The code enforcement report was reviewed.

Engineer Report: Jo Manning mentioned that she will be having a meeting with Peter Bourne soon to discuss the PER for the water system and the PER for the sewer should be completed 30 days after the water PER.

Old Business:

- **Planning Commission Appointment:** Patty Cartagena-Santiago is interested in being on the Planning Commission because she is interested in the Town's growth potential and the future of the Town. Rahul Dutta is interested in being on the Planning Commission because he is a business owner who wants the Town to grow. Hemstock stated that he thinks the Town needs to show more support to the businesses in Town; such as help promote businesses, tax breaks, etc. He says that the Town Council and the Planning Commission needs to encourage businesses to come to Town. The Council took a paper vote and the results were Cartagena-Santiago 2 and Dutta 2. Mayor Morales will be making the deciding vote.

New Business:

- Kent County Arts Council: John Schratwieser and Leslie Raimond introduced themselves and discussed the Kent County Arts Council and what they have to offer. They provide funding for arts related events and activities. They just obtained a building where they will hold shows and have displays.
- Millington Day Parade Permit: The parade permit was reviewed. A motion to approve the permit and waive the fee was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Holland; a vote of 3-0-1 was entered with Starkey abstaining from the vote.
- ESMEC Representative: Holland volunteered to be Millington's representative.
- Kent County School Buses: Starkey gave an update about the School Board's meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017. He said that many questions were asked but no answers were given even though some questions were emailed to the school board in advance. There were still issues on many of the routes today. The school board is discussing options with their attorney. Hemstock stated that he thought the school board was being very defensive and arrogant. Starkey stated that he followed a bus one day and saw traffic violations, equipment and safety violations, and drop off issues. Darlene Johnston asked if the State Superintendent could help and Starkey replied that the State is not helping.
- Charter – Article 5: Jo Manning mentioned that the only changes she found were in C5-4, part C “public office” should be changed to “public government” and they may want to think about changing the length of time that someone has to live in Town before they can run for council. Hemstock stated that he feels that the title “Clerk-Treasurer” needs to be changed. He also stated that in section C5-5 needs to be rewritten to remove the historical information; C5-7 has loose phrasing that needs to be more specific; C5-8 the word “candidate” needs to be plural or needs a “(s)” on the end; C5-9 he questioned whether ballots were being preserved properly; C5-10 needs to have a reference to where the qualifications are referenced; C5-11 does the Council have to approve by ordinance or can it be approved by a resolution. Eli Manning asked for clarification on how many signatures were needed in section C5-4. There were no other comments.
- Bicentennial Committee: Marshall stated she received no responses for the post on Facebook or on the Town's website. Hemstock and Darlene Johnston volunteered to be on the bicentennial committee. Jessica Morales stated that she would like to incorporate the bicentennial with next year's Millington day. The Council will discuss funds during the budget discussions for FY2019.

Council Member Comments: Hemstock shared his thoughts on the Zoning Ordinance's qualifications of a Planning Commissioner living within the 21651 zip code not just in Town. He feels they must live in town limits. Holland disagreed as she owns property elsewhere and is part of that commission.

Public Comments: Darlene Johnston expressed her concern with comments posted on social media regarding the Planning Commission and decisions/ordinances written by that commission.

Correspondence: All correspondence was reviewed.

Upcoming Events: Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marshall
Town Clerk-Treasurer