

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016

Present: Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland
Council David Rice

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Media: Trish McGee

Attendees: Sheriff Price, Kent County Sheriff's Department; Harris Murphy, State's Attorney; Peter Bourne, KCI

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Rice, a second by Manning; a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Price reviewed the report for January 2016. There were 49 speed assignments resulting in 39 warnings, and 15 citations. The Sheriff's Department responded to 6 non-criminal complaints and 2 criminal complaints, broken window of a vehicle and a search and seizure warrant with charges pending.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: There was no report.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. The town will be receiving \$1,900.00 from FEMA due to the aftermath of the winter storm.

Holland arrived.

Town Administrator Report: The Town Administrator's Report was reviewed. State Highway would like the Town to add another parking restriction from the cemetery to Comegys Street. The council would like a flyer to go out to all town residents regarding the project and parking restrictions so that their thoughts and concerns can be heard at the March meeting. Snow removal was discussed. We received input from other municipalities on how they enforce the removal of snow from sidewalks and the council was given spreadsheets show how different municipalities hand the situation. Some options were: the town can clear off the sidewalk and charge a "special assessment" fee to clear it which can be collected at tax sale if the amounts are not paid; or have someone or a crew on-call to clear the sidewalks for the Town and have them sign a liability waiver. Rice was concerned about private enterprises losing business if the town has people sign up in advance to have their sidewalk cleared by the Town of a fee that may be less than what private enterprises charge. Council Manning stated that if schools are open then the sidewalks need to be clear. Another thing to consider is the time frame of when the snow needs to be cleared, when does the time start and does the amount of snow affect the time that is allowed. The council suggested adding a snow blower in the budget.

Code Enforcement Report: The Code Enforcement report was reviewed.

Engineer Report: The Engineer report was reviewed.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- Drug Free School Zone – State’s Attorney Harris Murphy was in attendance to explain how the drug free school zones affect how people are charged with drug crimes in the area, what the sentencing guidelines involve, and what the different penalties are for in a drug free school zone and the penalties for out of a drug free school zone.
- Millington Bicentennial – Hemstock made an announcement that Millington’s Bicentennial is 2 years away. He advised the council that they should start thinking about what the Town is going to do regarding a celebration; such as a parade, getting special banners made, and contacting the Kent County Office of Tourism and Economic Development.
- Budget – Budget will be discussed at the March meeting. The council was given the current fee schedule and were asked to consider any additional fee that the Town would like to charge.

Correspondence: All correspondence was reviewed.

Upcoming Events: Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marshall
Town Clerk-Treasurer