

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Present: Mayor Claude J. Morales, Jr.
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland
Council David Rice

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Media: Trish McGee

Attendees: Deputy Culp, Kent County Sheriff's Department; Jamie Williams, Kent County Economic Development; Jervis & Linda Seals; Eddie Hickman; Charles Willis; and Mark Mumford, Kent County Clerk of Court.

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve with corrections was made by Hemstock, a second by Rice; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Swearing In Ceremony: Mumford swore Morales in as Mayor of Millington. Morales swore in Hemstock as Councilman of Millington.

Meeting Dates: Meeting Dates were reviewed. A motion to approve meeting dates was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Rice; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Deputy Culp reviewed the report for March 2016. There were 54 speed assignments resulting in 46 warnings, and 28 citations. The Sheriff's Department responded to 7 non-criminal complaints and there were no criminal complaints.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: MES report was reviewed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed.

Town Administrator Report: The Town Administrator's Report was reviewed. Road repairs were discussed. A motion to include repairs to Hurtt Avenue in the budget was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Rice; a vote of 5-0 was entered. Research will be done for all road repairs to see which ones can be covered by Highway User Revenues.

The Skateboard Park was discussed. Mrs. Manning mentioned that the town could file paper work for an obsolete facility. Morales stated that the park is a pain for the Town. Hemstock would like to see it replaced with additional parking for the park to accommodate the activities at the baseball field. Rice stated that he feels it would be dishonest to classify the park as an obsolete facility and that he would like to see the proposed offer to fix up the skate park that has been received. There was some public comment regarding the skate park. Hickman and Willis stated that they would like to see the skate park gone because there are people there around 1:00 and 2:00 in the morning and the language heard from those using the skate park is terrible. They would rather see the baseball field be fixed up. A motion to keep the skate park and take down the gate was made by Rice, there was no second to this motion. The street light located at the skate park should be turned to face the street instead of over top of the skate park. A motion to move forward with the obsolete facilities process was made by Hemstock, a second was made by Morales; a vote of 2-3 was entered, Morales and Hemstock voting for the motion and Rice, Mr. Manning,

and Holland voting against the motion.

A motion to proceed with the RFP to demolish the Willie Gale Building was made by Rice, a second was made by Mr. Manning; a vote of 4-1 was entered, with Hemstock voting against the motion.

Trash Collection bids were reviewed. A motion to continue with Chesapeake Waste was made by Rice, a second was made by Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Code Enforcement Report: The Code Enforcement report was reviewed.

Engineer Report: There was no report.

Old Business:

- Skateboard Park – topic was discussed under the Town Manager Report

New Business:

- Jervis and Linda Seals discussed their concerns with the restricted parking proposed on the one side of Sassafras Street near their property. They stated that it would create a problem to restrict parking there because many homeowners including themselves would have nowhere to park.
- Jamie Williams from Kent County Economic Development was in attendance to discuss what she can do with the Town to help the town grow and attract businesses. She stated that businesses can reach out to her for assistance and then she can contact the Town to see if there are any properties or locations available. She stated that there has been a high interest for properties off of 301. She discussed the DNR/Wick Property and what plans they have for that location. She was interested in helping the Town with the Senior Housing Project. She discussed the fiber optic accessibility around the county.
- Budget Workshop: Mrs. Manning asked the council to think about the following items: Review the EDU worksheet, think about changing the sewer fee schedule, town office hours, and the wish list. The council should review these items in order to for the budget to be complete. The loss that the Town is experiencing due to the County portion of the water system was discussed. The council talked about getting on the agenda for a County Commissioners meeting to talk about the county leak issue. Jamie Williams said she will find out what she can and will get back to the Town on what she finds out. She also mentioned that she will get in touch with the Kent County IT Department for help with the Town's website design and maintenance.

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 Hemstock; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marshall
Town Clerk-Treasurer