

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021

Present: Mayor CJ Morales
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Wayne Starkey
Council J Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Lauren Mench, Melissa Ireland, Becky Hollett, Nevin Steffey, Shunell Potts, and Bianca Potts

Call meeting to order: Mayor Morales 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 June 08, 2021 meeting was entered by Council Hemstock with correction; a second by Council Starkey, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Reviewed. The annual letter was sent to the Sheriff's office with the approved budgeted amount.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed.

Rental Property Report. Reviewed.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: No report received.

Town Administrator Report: Reviewed. Administrator Manning explained the non-payment of taxes of 415 Cypress Street. Taxes were last paid in May 2015; current balance due to purchase as a counter list purchase is \$40,716.68 (July 2021) + interest accrued monthly; this figure does not include 2020 and 2021 real estate taxes. She spoke with Attorney Mowell, he recommended writing a letter to the mortgage holder asking if there are any plans for this property, discuss outstanding taxes and mortgage balance, and the Town's possible interest in obtaining ownership of this property. Council discussed representation at a future Commissioner's meeting to discuss Elementary School property, WWTP upgrade needs, Senior Housing Project, Utility agreement amendment, etc. Council Hemstock and Council Holland volunteered to attend a future meeting to discuss these various subjects.

Engineer's Report: No report received.

Old Business:

Utility Operations & Maintenance Proposal – the Town solicited for proposals to operate and maintain the water and sewer plants; only one company submitted a proposal, Susquehanna Operations Service, LLC. Previously a worksheet was submitted to Council members with comparison of costs. Council agreed to table any decision until August to allow time for each member to review documentation presented.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-09 Amending the Sidewalk Ordinance was introduced

Resolution 2021-08 Amending the Water Ordinance was introduced.

Council comments:

Council asked for clarification of Robvanary Park rentals and enforcement of maintaining the park.

Council asked if maintenance could empty the trash can located in front of the gas station on a regular basis instead of allowing it to overflow and litter the Town. Mayor Morales asked if a trash can could be placed at Dollar General and a letter requesting cleaning of the parking lot to eliminate the trash blowing through the Town.

Public Comments:

Lauren Mench asked if the playground at the old Elementary School was open for use by the public. Council Hemstock reminded everyone to be careful when using the equipment as an unsuccessful attempt was previously made to dismantle and move the equipment, leaving some equipment unsteady.

Shunell Potts asked for clarification on the 10-year waiver allowed in utility billing if a leak is found. Administrator Manning explained the billing procedures, notification of leaks, and request for credits by property owners.

Correspondence:

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM was entered by Council Hemstock, seconded by Council Manning, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning
Town Administrator