

Town of Hancock

**TOWN OF HANCOCK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2017**

Mayor Salvagno called the December 13, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order with Council members Boyer, Little, Murray, Smith, and Town Manager Smith present.

The Mayor and Council met for a workshop session at the Visitor's Center at 6 PM. The outdoor temperature was 28° degrees.

Delegate Mike McKay gave the invocation. All in attendance joined in with Pledge of Allegiance.

- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- The minutes for the November 8, 2017 town meeting were approved as presented.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentation from Steve White, Harvest. Mr. White gave an update on the Hancock facility's progress. Mr. White spoke on the growing process and anticipates more employees being hired. Mayor Salvagno expressed appreciation of Harvest's commitment to the town.

- Katie Nash, Greenwill Consulting, updated the Council on legislative topics at the Annapolis meeting to include medical marijuana, sick leave and minimum wage bill. Nash stated she will be looking for an opportune time to discuss economic development projects for the town.

Nash anticipates meeting with National Park Service.

- **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

- Nothing to report.

- **MAYOR REPORT**

- Mayor Salvagno attended Convention & Visitor Bureau's Annual Meeting, Tri-County Council Meeting and Leadership Washington County.
- Mayor Salvagno also spent a half day at the Hancock High School for National Educator's Day.

- **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Water/Waste, Public Works, and Parks Committee update by Town Manager Smith.

- **A. Police Commissioners/Police Dept.**

- Chief Rich Miller reported 325 calls for the month of November.
- Chief Miller said there were 45k cars that passed through the speed cameras zone.

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- Chief Miller spoke to the Mayor and Council about purchasing a K9 dog. Councilman Tim Smith spoke to the Council about the benefits of having a K9 dog.

B. Swimming Pool Ad Hoc

- Nothing to report.

C. Parks and Recreation

- Councilman Leo Murray reported that 101 banners have been purchased. Washington County will be attending the next council meeting to present the Recreation Department with a 10k check.
- New benches near Buddy Lou's Restaurant. The stone used was from one of the oldest houses in Hancock. Town Manager, David Smith noted that Norman Smith did the masonry work. The next project is lighting in the parking lot.
- December 23rd- "Open House" for Christmas at Councilman Murray and Councilman Boyer's yards.
- Boyer reported that there is one week left for the open gym for volleyball and basketball. December 30th, 3 on 3 Holiday Basketball Tournament.

D. Hancock in Motion

- Councilman Tim Smith reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting was "very well attended".
- December 2nd, Hometown Christmas Craft Show was "steady" the whole time.
- December 23rd, luminary bags will be set out to honor veterans. The cost is \$3 per bag.
- December 30th, "New Year's Eve Eve" celebration at the American Legion. The Nathan Shaffer Band will be playing.

E. Arts Council Report

- Sinclair Hamilton reported that the third Friday of every month is Open Mic Night.
 - December 17th, a free ukulele concert at 3 PM.
 - January 20th, a free magic show at 2 PM.

F. Canal Town Partnership

- Sinclair Hamilton noted that repairs on the conococheague aqueduct have begun.
- A grant was received for brochures.
- Mr. Hamilton met with George Mesner who is opening a museum, "National Road Museum". Councilman Leo Murray said he would see if he had any photos that could be used.
- Sinclair Hamilton said that he asked Mayor Salvagno, the Rotary and local businesses to write letters to the National Park Service in support

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of a grant to resurface the C&O Canal Towpath. Hamilton said the letters were successful.

- Mayor Salvagno expressed appreciation to Mr. Hamilton for attending the Canal Town meetings and also commended the Arts Council.

G. Town Manager Report

- Town Manager, David Smith, and Sinclair Hamilton discussed a sign for out front of the Town Hall building.
- Manager Smith noted that he has been using Google Drive to post reports.
- Manager Smith said the inmate crew have been working and commented that it is "unbelievable" how much debris and leaves have been cleaned up. Smith discussed purchasing an inmate van with the Mayor and Council.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Councilman Tim Smith made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the K9 dog for the Hancock Police Department.

Councilman Tim Boyer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- The Council made a resolution to proceed with the development of a K9 program for the town. The council authorized the purchase of the said dog in the amount of \$2000. The Council charged the Town Manager, Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police to come up with a program outlining cost and goals to be presented at the next council meeting. See attached.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Tim Smith and seconded by Councilman Leo Murray. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourned @ 9:30 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Golden
Town Clerk