

TOWN OF HANCOCK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2017

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

Councilman Little reported that Councilman Boyer was in Florida working due to the hurricane.

All in attendance joined in with Pledge of Allegiance.

- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- The minutes for the August 9, 2017 town meeting were approved as presented.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentation from Charlie Summers, Deputy Director for the Division of Emergency Services of Washington County. Mr. Summers explained how the system would alert residents of emergency situations by registering on the county's website. A link could also be put on the town's webpage. Council agreed to proceed with the system.
 - Arro Consulting spoke briefly to introduce themselves and express their desire to work with the town concerning waste water systems.
 - Katie Nash, Greenwill Consulting, spoke about her visit to Annapolis and plans to update the council again in December.
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters speaker, Debbie Cohill explained how the program works and their current need of volunteers.
 - Addie Nardi, Washington County Boys & Girls Club spoke about their financial need. Councilman Boyer is working with Delegate McKay to help get funding.
 - Delegate McKay stated that he met with Senator Edwards. McKay spoke about funding for the Boys & Girls Club, legislative items and a meeting he anticipates having in December at the Town Hall to hear resident's concerns.

- **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

- Citizens Larry Kessler, Nigel Dardar, Harry Sloan and Richard Munson spoke briefly to the council.

- **MAYOR REPORT**

- Mayor Salvagno met with County Commissioner Wayne Keefer and Kurt Williams, Lanco-Pennland. Salvagno noted that it was a positive meeting.
- Harvest has "seeds in the ground". Additional hiring is anticipated for late November, early December. First harvest is expected Late December, early January.
- Hancock Homecoming Football Game, October 6th. Mayor Salvagno shared ideas to include hanging banners throughout the town, having a bonfire and wearing school colors, blue and white.
- Mayor Salvagno asked the council to read handouts regarding National Park Service about how they are handling confederate monuments in parks.
- Mayor Salvagno asked Town Manager, David Smith to have the Planning Commission meet again.
- A letter was sent to Dr. Altieri, Hagerstown Community College to think about opportunities in Hancock, MD. There are currently no agricultural programs at HCC.

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

A. Police Commissioners/Police Dept.

- Chief Rich Miller reported 303 calls for the month of August.
- Two police officer candidates have been selected for hiring.
- Introduction of a marine who would be assisting Officer Rizer through a cadet program. Chief Miller stated that the cadet program would be beneficial to the department to help be the "eyes and ears".
- Councilman Smith updated the council on the app for parking meters. Smith stated he would gather more information.

B. Hancock Fire Department

- Ben Hoopengardner with the Hancock Fire Department reported on the calls for the month of August.
- Hoopengardner reported that the utv has been a great asset for the department.
- Gun Bash was successful.
- Hoopengardner spoke about the Fire Department's connection with Harvest to access the facility in case of an emergency.

C. Swimming Pool Ad Hoc

- Councilman Levi Little reported that Engineer, Steve Cvijanovich has submitted the final paperwork. Bid processes are anticipated "in a few weeks". Town Manager stated that a special meeting would be needed.

D. Parks and Recreation

- Councilman Leo Murray reported that 63 veteran banners have been ordered.
- Parks & Rec is partnering with the "Walk to End Child Abuse" to have child activities on September 30th.

E. Hancock in Motion

- Councilman Tim Smith reported that Rockin the Woods was a decent turnout.
- October 7th, Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at the American Legion.
- Gun Raffle- Choice of raffled gun from Berkeley Springs Trading Post. Drawing on October 21st.
- Councilman Smith inquired about Trick or Treat night. Council decided on October 28th.

F. Town Manager Report

- Town Manager, David Smith reported that the storm drain decals have been shipped. Contact has been made to have the school/youth assist in the project.
- Smith shared that two individuals have been chosen for the inmate van driving position.
- Manager Smith stated that he and Mayor Salvagno reviewed and answered questions for the MDE Grant Agreement.
- Smith attended two meetings regarding the dam projects in the park.
- Two government made portable latrines were purchased at a significant discounted price.

• NEW BUSINESS

- Councilman Tim Smith made a motion to hire two additional police officers as recommended by Chief Rich Miller. Councilman Leo Murray seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Councilman Leo Murray made a motion to purchase 50 poles for the veteran banners not to exceed 25k. Councilman Tim Smith seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Council elected to move ahead with review of Arro Consulting's proposal.
- Councilman Leo Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Levi Little seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourned @ 10:40 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Golden

Town Clerk