

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Present
Vice Mayor Wade – Present
Council Member Anthony – Present
Council Member Fowler – Excused
Council Member Mullins – Present
Police Dept – Pawel Szmidt – Present
Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – James Adams - Absent
MVFD – Chief McKlveen – Present
Code Enforcement – Regina Foster - Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Anthony to excuse Council Member Fowler from tonight's meeting. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried

INTRODUCTIONS - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 19, and Work Session on August 9, 2022. No further discussion. All voted aye except Council Member Anthony abstained for the July 19 minutes due to his absence. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- Micheryl Townshend – talked again about the trailer parking on Allies blocking residents being able to park near their homes.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

– None

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REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Code – Regina Foster provided an oral & written report. 4418 Morgan Rd – Mrs. Hamilton gave an update on construction permits. Should have the County permits by the end of the week, then will come get Town permits. Discussion ensued regarding abatements for Woodland Rd & Forest Grove, Ms. Foster is getting estimates now.
- Public Works – James Adams gave an oral report.
- MVFD Chief McKlveen gave an oral report, talked about the ambulance accident and the assistance for the yard sale on 9/10/22.
- Admin – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an oral report that included updates on the GASBOY bill and Hall rentals.
- Police Department – Sgt Szmidt gave an oral report including monthly stats & information on a robbery at the 7-11; and a kidnapping scam mainly targeting Hispanic persons.
- Council Member Anthony gave an oral report regarding the ACC Telecom phone system and EAW door locks.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report on the Randolph Rd project: do not send the check to Choice Concrete until issues are resolved and his concerns of the double-parking going on throughout Town.
- Vice Mayor Wade – Nothing at this time.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report: He has met with the principals at both schools in Town; thanked everyone for participation in National Night Out; met with the County liaison and with the Pepco liaison; and is looking at proposing some annexation.

Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public at this time.

- **Maria Pugh** – lives at 4110 Skyline Dr. Is she in Morningside? She has issues with a hoarder neighbor and another neighbor who has chickens. She was instructed to call PG County 311 to report these issues.
- **Bonnie Kamenicky** – Asked about the loud music ordinance; would like to see a welcoming packet for new residents and asked the Council to use the microphones, she can't hear what they are saying.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Regina Foster gave an update on upcoming events: Yard Sale on 9/10 at MVFD, tables are \$15 for 1st and \$10 each additional, 8am-1pm
- Trunk-or-Treat/Movie Night on Oct 29
- Senior Luncheon on November 17

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins for \$125.00 budget for the Yard Sale and \$300.00 budget for the Trunk-or-Treat/Movie Night event. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ACC TELECOM

- Council Member Anthony gave an update. There will be prepping for the new phone system on 8/19 with installation and training on 8/22.

OWL LAB

- Mayor Cann recommends that the Town purchase 2 units to enhance the experience when using ZOOM or other systems for meetings.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to spend up to \$2,500.00 on this system. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- The program has been purchased already.
- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker will send the link and password to all the Council
- Will be discussed at the September work session meeting.

COMMUNICATION CALENDAR

- Vena Mitchell and Donna Kahn have workiversaries this month.
- Add how long each employee has been working here.

NEW BUSINESS

RANDOLPH ROAD PROJECT

- Need an update regarding meeting with Choice about the bumpy outcome of the paving.
- An evening meeting is preferred.

FALL MML CONFERENCE

- October 9-11 in Annapolis.
- Registration by Sept 14 - \$475 per person.
- Hotel Reservations by 9/8 - \$135 per night,
- Call for actual workshop titles.

BENJAMIN FOULOIS

- Mayor Cann met with the principal.
- School begins on August 29th.
- She is requesting that the Police Department or the Fire Department be there on the 1st day of school to greet the students.
- She is looking to help her students earn their community service hours requirement before they leave the 8th grade and hopes the Town can help.

HEALTH UPDATE

- The Mayor tuned in t the Monkeypox Town Hall hosted by the County.
- There is a vaccine for those already exposed.
- Gay people are not the only ones getting this.
- Check for sores and get attention ASAP.

FLOODED ROAD SIGNS

Council Member Mullins presented information to the Council regarding Flooded Road Signs primarily for Woodland Rd by the creek.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase 2 Flooded Road signs and stands for \$252.44. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY THE BILLS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for the month for July 15 – August 16, 2022 in the amount of \$159,272.49. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FOURM

- No one signed in to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. Respectfully submitted, Karen Rooker Clerk-Treasurer