

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works – Michael Johnson - Present

Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present

MVFD – Deputy Chief Duffy - Present

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES  
CHANGES TO PARKING ORDINANCE SECTION 16A**

The following Ordinance changes were introduced at the January 17, 2023 meeting by Council Member John Anthony:

**Sec 16 A-101** all references to Sec 18A should be corrected to Sec 16A; add expired, suspended registration to the paragraph next to unlicensed; take out street, road; add Owner must supply proof of valid registration to the Town of Morningside.

a. Increase administrative fee for impound of vehicles and trailers from \$60.00 to \$100.00

b. Change ninety (90) to sixty (60) (says i. not c.)

Upon written request for extension, remove for up to sixty (60) days.

**Sec 16A-102** - all references to Sec 18A should be corrected to Sec 16A

**Sec 16-121** – break it down this way:

**Sec 16-121a.** unregistered vehicles = \$100.00 penalty

**Sec 16-121b.** expired registration = \$100.00 penalty

**Sec 16-121c.** suspended registration = \$100.00 penalty

**INTRODUCTIONS** - None

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2022 and Work Session January 10, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None**

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- **Code Enforcement** – Regina Foster gave an oral & written report.
- **Public Works** – Chip Adams gave an oral report.
- **MVFD** – Deputy Chief Duffy read the stats for December 2022 and the cumulative stats for 2022.
- **Police Dept** – Chief Stevenson gave a written & oral report.
- **Admin** – Karen Rooker gave an oral & written report.
- **Council Member Fowler** – No report.
- **Council Member Anthony** – His reports are listed in the agenda.
- **Council Member Mullins** – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Talked about the fire on Boxwood. Looking into streets & roads projects for the Spring.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report.
- **Mayor Cann** – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is looking forward to what the year has to bring. The newsletter should be to Admin by 1/18/23 for printing & distribution. It will be mailed to all residents, hand-delivered to all Town businesses. He will be attending the inauguration of the new MD Governor. He will also be attending the 2023 Winter Md Mayors Meeting in Annapolis, Feb 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Holiday House Judging was done and the winners all got certificates, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner also got a \$50.00 Lowe's gift card.
- February 11 – Movie Night, 6pm, Matilda the Musical
- March 18 – Winter Bingo for Seniors instead of Ice Cream Social
- Bunny Breakfast & Bingo – April 8, 9am
- Yard Sale (Town Event) April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNICATION CALENDAR** – FYI

## **UBS QUARTERLY STATEMENT** - FYI

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **THOMAS | MICHAEL MEETING**

- The Council will meet with our rep from Thomas | Michael to discuss usage of the ARPA funds.
- We will need to send a link for a ZOOM meeting at 6pm on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Also need to send an updated financial report before the meeting.
- Council Member Anthony suggested we have a Council meeting prior to this meeting so we are all on the same page.
- The Council decided to meet on February 13 @ 6:30pm.
- Admin to contact iCivil regarding the Woodland Rd project.

### **SUMMER MML CONFERENCE**

- Admin will call Quality Inn Boardwalk to check if they are suites.
- Need total of 6 rooms (5 Admin/Council & 1 PD)
- The Mayor requested to stay at the Aloft as it is closest to the conference hall.
- Need to do a “flag” video.

### **LAND PURCHASE**

- MAGNA Real Estate, LLC sent 2 letters. 1 requested to purchase the Town Hall property for over \$91,000.00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was to purchase the swamp land donated to the Town over by the 495 South ramp for over \$112,000.00.
- The Clerk-Treasurer left a message to find out if these are legitimate offers and to let them know that the Town Hall property was not for sale.
- There has been no response from MAGNA Real Estate as of the 1/17/23 meeting.

### **NEW CHAIRS & TABLES**

- Council Member Anthony found tables like we currently have at Lowe's for \$64.98 per table.
- Vice Mayor Wade has another offering he will share with Admin and the Council.
- Possibly sell the chairs & tables we now have on site like govdeals.com once we have the new ones in our possession.
- Place this on the February 14, 2023 work session agenda.

### **EAW DOOR LOCKS**

Council Member Anthony got an updated estimate on replacing the current door locks. Parts are \$2,818.50.

He is waiting on the written installation estimate. Verbal one is \$1,200.00.

The Council decided to have the locks professionally installed.

Council Member Anthony would like to add 2 more keys to the project, bringing the total to \$4,422.50.

***Motion by Council Member Anthony, second by Council Member Mullins to spend up to \$5,000.00 to have EAW update the door locks in the municipal center. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **PARKING LOT LIGHT REPLACEMENT**

- Council Member Anthony has contacted several companies regarding updating the municipal center parking lot lights.
- He received an estimate back from YESCO: to replace all 7 parking lot lights will be \$5,122.00. Can also replace the light mounted on the building near the police department for an additional \$300.00.
- He will bring more estimates to the 2/14/23 work session meeting,

## **FIREWORKS CONTRACT**

- Admin Associate Foster talked to the fireworks company.
- They cannot reduce the price of the shoot, but will see about bulking up the shoot some.
- She will be getting more information to present at the 2/14/23 work session meeting.

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler to award the fireworks contract to Fantastic Fireworks in the amount of \$15,000.00 and also \$250.00 for the permit from the Prince George's County Fire Marshal. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## **PAY BILLS**

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for December 21, 2022 through January 17, 2023 in the amount of \$43,162.16. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## **OPEN FOURM**

- No one signed in to speak.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker  
Clerk-Treasurer