

TOWN OF MORNINGSID
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:31pm 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 - Absent

Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Absent

MVFD – Chief O'Brien - arrived late

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 24-001 – Circuit Rider Grant Participation for FY24

- Mayor Cann explained that the agreement this year is between Upper Marlboro, Eagle Harbor & Morningside.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Fowler to approve the Circuit Rider Grant Participation for FY24. Roll call: Fowler – yea; Anthony – yea; Mullins – yea; Wade – yea. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

- The Mayor & Council recognized Mary McHale for her many decades of promoting Morningside and it's events in her newspaper column.
- The Town presented her with a proclamation making July 18, 2023 Mary McHale Day in the Town of Morningside.
- The meeting was recessed.
- Everyone in attendance went out to the information box located on the front of the municipal center where there is now a plaque dedicating the information box to Mary.
- She was presented flowers and there was a small reception with refreshments.
- The meeting reconvened at 6:55pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023 and the Work Session of July 11, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Admin** – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker provided a written & oral report.
 - **Public Works** – Pub Works Associate provided an oral & written report
 - **Police Dept** – Chief Stevenson provided an oral & written report
 - **Code** – Code Enforcement Foster provided an oral & written report
 - **Council Member Fowler** – No report
 - **Council Member Anthony** – Provided a copy of a cleaning contract from Stratus. There are still issues with the phone system and the rentals are okay
 - **Council Member Mullins** – Thanked all involved with the July 4th events. Notified all of the death of Mary Dean on Allies Rd
 - **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report
 - **Mayor Cann** – Thanked all involved with the July 4th events. Gave a small report regarding the MML Conference in Ocean City. Let everyone know that the Town has a membership in the National League of Cities through MML.
 - **MVFD** – Chief McKnight gave an oral report
- The Mayor opened the floor to the public.
- Bonnie Kamenicky said the fireworks were fantastic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the July 4th events, more people than ever before
 - Requested a budget of \$3,500 for National Night Out
- Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Vice Mayor Wade for a budget of \$3,500.00 for the National Night Out Event to be held on August 1, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

2024-2026 CDBG AGREEMENT

The Council will be in an agreement with Prince George's County for the Community Development Block Grant for 2024-2026. *Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to enter into an agreement with Prince George's County for the 2024-2026 CDBG. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

UBS REPORT - FYI

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS APRON REPLACEMENT

- The Council received a reply from the Town Attorney. Commercial Apron replacement should be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

SHEEHI CONTRACT

- Council Member Mullins will get more quotes and bring them to the August meeting.

ANDALMAN & FLYNN – OUT OF STATE FLAGGING

- The Council discussed continuing to use Andalman & Flynn as their contractor for collections of out-of-state ticket flagging.

Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Council Member Mullins to continue to use Andalman & Flynn as their contractor for collections of out-of-state ticket flagging. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

WOODLAND ROAD ABATEMENT

- 6600 Woodland Rd has not complied with the request to clean up the property.
- Code Enforcement Officer Foster said it is too big a job for one person and would like to hire Morningside Tree Service to complete the job.
- The total would be \$2,200.00 plus the cost of the Police if needed.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to have Morningside Tree Service complete the abatement of 6600 Woodland Rd at a cost of \$2,200.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT

- At the work session the Council was presented with an agreement from former Delegate Daryl Barnes to have his company represent the Town in Annapolis as a lobbyist for the first year gratis.
- After the first year it can be revisited.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler to sign the one-year agreement with Evans Barnes & Associates as lobbyists for the Town. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for June 21, 2023 through July 18, 2023 in the amount of \$131,123.13. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM – There was no one signed up to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer