

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Williams – Absent

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Sgt Nathan Smith – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works – James “Chip” Adams - Present

Code Enforcement – Regina Foster - Present

MVFD – Chief McKlveen arrived late

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Anthony to excuse Council Member Williams. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS *WFC*

Steven Billingsley from ~~PEPCO~~ joined the meeting via ZOOM to discuss road & sidewalk patches and other things needed fixing.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022 and Work Session on April 12, 2022 (with corrections). No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- There was no one to speak.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES –

Emergency Ordinance #2022-002, Sec 3-103 Voter Registration. Ordinance to include the Prince George’s County Rolls along with the rolls of people registered just with the Town of Morningside to be eligible to vote in the Town elections. It was amended to just include the 2022 elections right now, with the option for further discussion in the future to make it permanent. ***Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Anthony to include the PGC Voter Roll with the Town Voter Roll for the 2022 election. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Code Enforcement – Regina Foster gave an oral & written report.
- Public Works – James “Chip” Adams gave an oral report.
- Admin – Karen Rooker gave an oral report.
- Police Department – Sgt Nathan Smith gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – no report
- Council Member Anthony – will report under old business
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report.
- MVFD Chief McKlveen gave an oral report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID Update

- Thomas | Michael assisted in getting the 1st report for CLFRF funds reported.
- Council Member Anthony has been working on getting the things ready for the Council to stuff and distribute Health Preparedness Bags to the residents & businesses.
- Looking to finish and distribute the bags around the 26th-27th of April.

Fireworks Contract

- The Council voted to accept the contract at the March 15th meeting.
- The deposit will be sent with the signed contract.
- The Town needs to send a thank you note to Renee Myers of Foulois Academy for all of her assistance in making the fireworks possible.

LED Signs

After looking over the 2 proposals from HillTop/Watchfire and Signs+ the Council made a decision.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to award the bid to HillTop signs in the amount of \$123,256.68 for 3 6mm LED signs. A deposit of \$80,136.35 will be due upon contract signing. Need to find out if the Town owns the property we are looking to place the signs on. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Streets & Roads

- Council Member Mullins is removing Randolph Rd from the estimates from MT Laney & Choice Concrete because WSSC is going to do work at the corner of Randolph & Suitland Rds.
- He will ask them both for new estimates.
- This subject is tabled until May.

Security System

Council Member Anthony has received several bids on upgrading the security camera system. He recommends going with B.O.S.S.

There will be a whole new system with 16 cameras and an additional monitor in the Squad Room.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to have B.O.S.S. replace the security camera system at the municipal center at a cost of \$9,786.46. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ACC Telecom

- Council Member Anthony recommends going with ACC Telecom to replace the entire phone system in the Municipal Center.
- They are our current provider.
- This should greatly cut down on the monthly phone bills by about \$400 as it will eliminate the AT&T and Verizon bills.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Anthony to have ACC Telecom replace all of the phones in the municipal center. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Communication Calendar

- Calendar was reviewed.
- Update the Work Session for June from the 14th to the 7th since the Council will be at the MML Conference in Ocean City.

UBS Quarterly Statement – FYI

Versus Report - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Exemption – 6607 Larches Ct

After further review, the tags are not current on the truck in question.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to deny the request. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Code will inform the requestor of the outcome.

Public Works Burgundy Truck Transmission Lines

- There was a discussion as to have the work done in-house by Public Works or send it out to be done.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to send the job to an outside vendor and not to exceed \$1,000 to complete it. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Trash Carts & Lids

- The Town has many more recycle carts than regular trash carts.
- It was suggested that since we have so many, why not spray paint the yellow lids blue and issue them as regular trash carts since we have so many more of those.
- We are waiting on the cost of replacement lids from the original provider.
- We will wait to purchase new carts.
- The subject is tabled waiting on an answer.

Admin Printer

- The printer in Ms. Foster's office does not have a deep enough feeder for the scanning she needs to do.
- It was proposed to take her printer down to the Police Admin office since that printer has outlived its life expectancy and needs replacing.
- The Council agreed to purchase a new printer for Ms. Foster's office if it costs \$500.00 or less.
- NTI has been contacted for recommendations.

Construction Bids

- The Council was provided information on a company that can help with the process of vetting for our CLFRF projects.

Pay the Bills

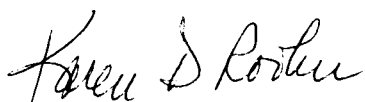
Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$149,609.34. IT was noted that this amount included the payment for 2 police cruisers. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum

- Troy Butler signed up to speak but did not stay until the end of the meeting.
- Council Member Anthony noted that Chief Stevenson was supposed to bring the Take home Cruiser Policy to this meeting but did not.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved w/ correction 5/17/2022