

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Present
Vice Mayor Wade – Present
Council Member Anthony – Present
Council Member Williams – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Police Dept – Chief Wesley Stevenson – Present
Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – Mike Johnson & James Adams
Code Enforcement – Regina Foster - Present
MVFD – Chief McKlveen & President White arrived late

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

INTRODUCTIONS – The liaison from Pepco - Mr. Zegada was on the call

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 January 18, 2022 and Work Session and Grant Meeting on February 8, 2022. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 1 abstention (Anthony). Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- There was no one to speak.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Code Enforcement – Regina Foster gave an oral report.
- Public Works – James Adams gave an oral report.
- Admin – Karen Rooker gave an oral report.
- Police Department – Chief Wesley Stevenson gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – no report.
- Council Member Anthony – no report.
- Council Member Williams – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report.
- MVFD – President White gave an oral report.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID Update

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an update regarding PPE acquired from the County.
- The next meeting to discuss the ARPA Grant will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6pm.
- The Mayor listed a few items and asked for more suggestions on how to use the funds for the next meeting.
- Need a flier to let the residents know that we have masks and test kits available on an “as needed” basis.
- Council Member Anthony stated that we have plenty of “regular” masks available.
- Council Member Mullins stated to make sure that the Police Department has enough PPE for their use.

New Police Cruisers

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase 2 new cruisers from Chapman Auto Sales for a total not to exceed \$70,000.00 and this purchase is to be done with the ARPA Grant monies. Discussion ensued. Roll Call vote: Mullins – aye, Williams – aye, Wade – aye, Anthony – nay. The vote was 3-1 in favor, motion carried.

- Chief Stevenson will get the proper paperwork together.

Communication Calendar

- Calendar was reviewed.
- Mayor noted 3 birthdays in February: Wesley Stevenson Feb 7; Mike Johnson Feb 9; and Phillip Staples Feb 11.
- Need 2 more Election Judges by Mar 1.
- Candidate Petitions due by 5pm, Monday, Mar 7th.

Maryland Mayors Association Conference

- The conference is in Annapolis, March 31 & April 1, 2022.
- Registration is \$185.00
- The Mayor will not be staying in Annapolis, therefore he will be eligible for parking fees & mileage.

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Anthony to send the Mayor to the Maryland Mayors Association in Annapolis, cost not to exceed \$250.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dual Wheel Exemption

- Exemption renewal for 4511 Maple Rd for a food truck.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Anthony to grant the exemption renewal. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to issue this exemption. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pay the Bills

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Anthony to pay the bills for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$47,277.24. No further discussion. All voted aye.
Motion carried.*

Open Forum

- Vice Mayor Wade and Council Member Anthony were congratulated on the birth of their granddaughter/great-granddaughter.
- Mayor Cann noted 2 deaths in Town: Mr. Trimboli and Mrs. Mickey. Both were long-time residents of Morgan Rd.
- Council Member Williams thanked the Rec Committee and volunteers for another successful event this past weekend – The Valentine’s Craft Day.
- Council Member Mullins has a couple of volunteers for the Spring Clean-Up if the hours are extended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer