

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 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 – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Sgt Smith – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works – Mike Johnson - Present

Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present

MVFD –Chief McKlveen - Present

**INTRODUCTIONS**

- **Boy Scout Troop #1237** – This is the Troop that refurbished the Municipal Center sign. The Mayor presented each of the 4 scouts (Brian Doyle, Guillermo Coleman, Mason Young and Tyse Young) with a Certificate of Appreciation along with one to the Troop Leader (Mr. LeRoy) for their meeting place.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes for the Work Session of September 13, 2022 (revised), Regular Meeting of October 18, 2022 and Work Session November 8, 2022 and Work Session of November 14, 2022. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM**

- None

## **INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- Introduction of Ordinance #2023-002 Granting Renewal the of Cable Franchise to Comcast of MD, LLC & Authorizing a Franchise Agreement.
- A formal vote will be taken of December 20, 2022.

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

- Code – Regina Foster - Gave an oral & written report.
- Admin – Karen Rooker - Gave an oral report.
- MVFD Assistant Chief McKlveen - Gave an oral report.
- Public Works – Mike Johnson gave an oral report and written report.
- Police Department – Sgt Smith gave an oral and written report.
- Council Member Fowler – Nothing at this time.
- Councilman Anthony – Gave an oral report.
- Council Member Mullins – Gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – Nothing at this time.
- Mayor Cann – Gave an oral report.

Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public, no one chose to speak at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Gina Foster gave a report on the Halloween event, the costume contest will be added back to the event next year.
- The Senior Luncheon on 11/17/22 has 17 people RSVP, will begin at 11:30am.
- Still need a Santa for the Breakfast with Santa event – 12/10/22.

### **ROOM RENTAL AGREEMENT**

- There are 4 room rental agreements: Resident, Resident Repast, Non-Resident & Non-Resident Repast.
- The Council met 11/14/22 to discuss all of the versions of the agreement.

***Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to approve all 4 versions of the updated agreement. These agreements will go in to effect immediately after publishing on the Town's website. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **FLAGS**

- Per the last meeting the flags have been ordered.
- The Maryland flags are on back order so the entire order will be held up until they are available for shipping.

### **WOODLAND RD PROJECT**

The Mayor & Council would like to get the permitting started as soon as possible.

### **EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY**

- Mayor and Council reviewed 2 options on locations of the event: Suitland Bowl or Medieval Times.

*Motion made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to have the Holiday Party at Medieval times, for staff +1, December 3 @ 3pm. The Mayor did a roll call: Fowler – yay; Wade – yay; Mullins – nay; Anthony – nay. Tied vote so the Mayor voted - yay. Motion carried.*

### **COMMUNICATION CALENDAR**

- Mayor and Council reviewed the calendar.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6702 BOXWOOD DUAL WHEEL EXPEMPTION**

Per discussion held at the 11/18/22 work session,

*Motion by Council Member Anthony, second by Vice Mayor Wade to grant the dual wheel exemption as long as all of the rules are followed. No further discussion. 3 yay votes and 1 nay vote. Motion carried.*

#### **LAWN & LEAF MACHINE**

Vice Mayor Wade proposed purchasing a lawn 7 leaf machine for Public Works. Discussion ensued.

*Motion by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase a Lawn & Leaf machine for Public Works, not to exceed \$4000.00. The motion died for want of a second.*

**TV, CART & FIRESTICK**

- It was proposed that the Town purchase a TV, Cart and Firestick to be used for meetings and Town events.
- This would be in addition to the OWL system the Town purchased earlier this year to enhance our meetings.

*Motion made by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase a TV, TV cart, extension cord and power strip and a Firestick, the price not to exceed \$1,000.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**PAY BILLS**

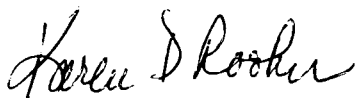
*Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Mullins to pay the bills for October 23 through November 15, 2022 in the amount of \$92,777.32 All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**OPEN FOURM**

- No one signed in to speak.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen D Rooker  
Clerk-Treasurer

*approved 12/20/22*