

COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2014

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, DeBenedictis, Carrow and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Town Foreman Hurlock, Chief Hill, Cordell Carr, Jerry Dorsey, William Spence, Wayne Stover, Sandy DeLane, Alvin Miller, Kim Keeler, and Jenn Daily also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Council Meeting 3/10/14 – motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to approve the Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Committee Meeting 03/20/14 – motion made by Ms. DeBenedictis and seconded Mr. Dias to approve the Street Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Mr. Carrow to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications:

- Ms. DeBenedictis read the communications from the Clayton Lions Club asking if their service projects meet the needs of the community. (See attached)

4. Chief of Police:

- Chief Hill advised Council that he conducts two Department Meetings and the first one was today to ensure all equipment, uniform, and other police equipment is in order.
- Mr. Carrow asked if the speeding issue that is occurring in Providence Crossing has been addressed. Chief Hill advised he will address the issue in the proper order of business.

5. Town Foreman:

- Mr. Hurlock stated to Council and to the public that pot holes are in the process of being repaired and the public is asked to call the Town Hall to let the front office know of any pot holes. The front staff will prepare a work order and the town crew will repair.

6. Inspection/Enforcement:

- Mr. Hurlock – Anyone installing a pool 24" in depth is required to obtain a permit.

- Mr. Hurlock stated the following has been issued for 2014:
Contractor Licenses – 55
Business Licenses – 23
New Home Permits – 6
Improvement Permits - 13

7. Streets:

- Chief Hill spoke regarding Providence Crossing complaints of residents speeding in the development. Chief Hill personally thinks more stop signs are needed in to slow the traffic down. The street that is in question is Coldwater which is the longest street in the development. In parts of town there are stop signs that are a ¼ mile from each other. I know there are concerns about emergency vehicles getting to residents in a timely fashion. Chief Hill stated the motorcycle will be in Providence Crossing to ticket the residents for speeding. Once the stop signs are installed, will monitor and give warnings to violators of the new traffic pattern. Mr. Dias – Chief are you going to be doing this in Huntington Mills? Chief – yes. Ms. DeBenedictis – we have the same problem of residents not stopping at stop signs in town.

8. Equipment:

- Ms. DeBenedictis – Stated that she is working on getting paperwork together for the Town Solicitor to have the town self-finance the maintenance truck that is being purchased and hopes to have the documentation for the next Council Meeting.

9. Police:

- Chief Hill – The framing of the exterior walls and the walls in the additional are complete. The next step will be to install the door on the outside and remove the drive-thru window and wall. No surprises at this time.

10. Planning & Zoning:

- Mr. Hurlock – The next Planning & Zoning meeting will be held April 23rd at 7 p.m. to discuss the subdivision plan sketch of Liberty Knoll.

11. New Business:

- Current floodplain being repealed and new one adopted first reading. Mr. Hurlock stated the new floodplain FEMA has adopted across the board for the freeboard to be 18” above the floodplain.
- Vote in adjusting the PPAC rate – See attached.

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to accept the increase of the PPCA to a charge of \$0.0026 per kilowatt-hour, seconded by Mr. Dias. Motion carried unanimously.

- Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Donation – Mr. Letterman stated he has no problem in donating the \$3,000 to the Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Association.

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to accept the \$3,000 donation to the Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Association, seconded by Mr. Letterman. Motion carried unanimously.

- Vote on installing a 4-way stop at Coldwater Drive, Massey Branch Road, and Delaware River Drive

Mr. Letterman made a motion to install 4-way stop at Coldwater Drive, Massey Branch Road, and Delaware River Drive, seconded by Mr. Dias. Motion carried unanimously.

- Vote to rescind handicap parking at 308 Smyrna Avenue and 107 Highland Avenue

Mr. Letterman made a motion to rescind handicap parking at the following addresses 308 Smyrna Avenue and 107 Highland Avenue, seconded by Mr. Carrow. Motion carried unanimously.

- Clayton Railroad Days has been cancelled for 2014 due to the construction at the Clayton Fire Co. and St. Joseph's. The parade will still take place on June 14th. Ms. DeBenedictis stated if you would like to have a float in the parade to please contact Mr. Carrow, Ms. DeBenedictis, or the Town Hall.

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to accept the Clayton Railroad Day parade on June 14th, seconded by Mr. Dias. Motion carried unanimously.

- July 4th Association – 4th of July Parade – Ms. DeBenedictis stated due to the construction on the roads in Smyrna – Clayton will host the 4th of July parade.

Mr. Dias made a motion to accept the July 4th Association parade application to be held on July 4th, seconded by Mr. Carrow. Motion carried unanimously.

- Vote for tariff demand charge revision

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to accept the revision to the tariff page no. 79 to reflect a demand rate of \$10.90, seconded by Mr. Carrow. Motion carried unanimously.

- William Spence – President of the HOA of Wheatley's Pond. He would like the town to install dog waste signs in Wheatley's Pond. He is having issues of residence not picking up dog waste. He has a curb parking obstruction that is causing problems. We have a resident that resides on Preston Lane. When the townhouse was built, the drainage is located in front of his parking space and he is unable to access unless he goes through his neighbors parking spot. Mr. Hurlock is aware of the situation. Mr. Spence said the dam is a hazardous

dam and Wheatley's Pond has insurance coverage on the dam in the amount of \$7,000. Mr. Spence also indicated there are private drainage pipes going into the pond and if that's the case he is going to block them. The dam has had water run over it for a year. If anything happens to the dam then Wheatley's Pond is responsible for the repair. Mr. Hurlock stated no one can tamper with a flood way. Mr. Letterman advised Mr. Spence that the Town of Clayton was going to make this dam our problem and it never happened. Mr. Carrow asked who is being charged the insurance coverage of the dam of \$7,000? Mr. Spence said the HOA is being charged.

12. Public Forum:

- Jerry Dorsey – President of the HOA of Huntington Mills, addressed the speeding issue in Huntington Mills and the basketball hoop on W. Radison Run to Chief Hill. Chief Hill said he will address these issues.
- Alvin Miller – Street sweeper. It's posted no parking. I was ticketed and on the same side as I was parked the police went by other cars and never ticketing them. It seems to me they are picking and choosing who to ticket on street sweeping day. Chief Hill stated more signs are needed to be able ticket violators. Mr. Hurlock said when the Street Committee implemented the street sweeper the residence parked in the driveways and not on the street.
- Kim Keeler – Will the Town of Clayton ever have FIOS? Mr. Letterman and Mr. Hurlock stated to Ms. Keeler the Town of Clayton is not denying FIOS to come to Clayton. Our infrastructure is old and would be costly.

13. Adjournment:

*Motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight