

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NORTH EAST
106 S. MAIN STREET
NORTH EAST, MARYLAND 21901

February 27, 2019

The Town Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert F. McKnight 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Cynthia Billig, Hilary Crothers-Moore, Michael Kline and Ray Mitchell. Also present were Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Meekins, Director of Finance and Administration Ken Natale, Lieutenant James Just and Town Clerk Stephanie Racine-Dean. Absent from the meeting due to illness, Town Administrator Melissa B. Cook-MacKenzie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

-OATH OF OFFICE-

None.

-APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Crothers-Moore and approved by all.

-PUBLIC HEARING-

None.

-GUESTS-

Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs, North East Fire Company re: Family Carnival

Mr. Jeffrey Isaacs presented to the Board a Special Events application for the North East Fire Company Inc., 210 South Mauldin Avenue. The fire company is requesting permission to host a carnival from July 2, 2019 to July 6, 2019. The event will be held on the fire company's lot on Mauldin Avenue.

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After discussion, about the concerns related to the Annual Salute to Cecil County Veterans event on July 3, 2019, specifically about overflow/maximum occupancy for the Carnival. Mayor Knight instructed Mr. Isaacs to submit a plan for overflow and maximum occupancy as well as addressing the Planning Office's comments prior of the Board's approval. Mr. Isaacs stated the next Board of Directors meeting is on Monday, March 11, 2019 and he would like approval from the Town prior that meeting. Mayor McKnight told Mr. Isaacs he could submit his plan/responses to the Town Clerk via email and she will forward to the Board. If the Board is satisfied with them than they can get a consensus prior to the meeting.

Mayor McKnight introduced Cecil Council Vice President, Mrs. Jackie Gregory, District 5 and thanked her for coming to Town's Board meeting.

-PUBLIC COMMENT-

None.

-INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-

None.

-ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCES-

None.

-REPORTS-

Mayor McKnight

Mayor McKnight reported he attended a meeting with the Lecco Pipe Line Company, the Town's Engineer and the town's staff regarding the water main break on Razor Strap Road on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Commissioner Billig

Commissioner Billig entered into the record the January 2019 Crime and Traffic Breakdown Report for the Town of North East Police Department.

Commissioner Crothers-Moore

None.

Commissioner Kline

Commissioner Kline entered into the record the January 2018 Maintenance Department Monthly Reports.

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Commissioner Kline reported he will be attending the Boys & Girls Club Mardi Gras Annual Celebration on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Commissioner Mitchell

None.

Director of Finance and Administration, Ken Natale

Mr. Natale reported the Work Session for the Storm Water MS4 Permit will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM as the consultants were unavailable for the dates the Board discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Natale reported there will be a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Natale reported the Public Hearing for the Storm Water MS4 Permit on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Natale reported the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Natale reported the Adoption of the Budget Ordinance will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Natale entered into the record the list of payments issued since the last Board Meeting.

Mr. Natale reported the interconnection with Artesian Water Maryland, Inc. is completed and will be turned on, Thursday, February 28, 2019.

-UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

None.

-NEW BUSINESS-

Law Enforcement Appreciation Week

Mayor McKnight received an invitation from Mrs. Jill Lee, Cooks for Cops Ministry, to participate in Law Enforcement Appreciation Week on May 12, 2019, to show gratitude to the local police agencies for their service throughout Cecil County. Mrs. Jill Lee is requesting to place blue bows on each lamp post going through town as well as placing small thin blue line flags in the grass, area around the flag pole and decorating the tree in the north island with blue lights.

A motion to approve the Request was made by Commissioner Kline, and seconded by Commissioner Crothers-Moore and approved by all.

1PH Properties, LLC, Lots 2, 3 and 4, Water Allocation Request, Three Equivalent Residential Units

Mr. Natale presented a Water Allocation Request for 1PH Properties, LLC for three equivalent residential units.

A motion to approve the Water Allocation Request for three equivalent residential units was made by Commissioner Crothers-Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Billig and approved by all.

North East Commons, LLC, Lots 2 and 3, Water Allocation Request, Two Equivalent Residential Units

Mr. Natale presented a Water Allocation Request for North East Commons, LLC for two equivalent residential units.

A motion to approve the Water Allocation Request for two equivalent residential units was made by Commissioner Mitchell, and seconded by Commissioner Kline and approved by all.

-MISCELLANEOUS-

None.

-APPROPRIATIONS-

A motion to approve Emergency Requisition R9-01177 to Lecco Pipe Line Construction Company in the amount of \$118,069.00 for work that has already been completed for the emergency to repair the Razor Strap Main Break was made by Commissioner Billig, seconded by Commissioner Kline and approved by all.

-BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR-

Mrs. Virginia McKnight, 120 East Thomas Avenue North East advised the Board she is not in favor of the Family Carnival proposed by the North East Fire Company the week of July 1st, 2019.

Council Vice President, Mrs. Jackie Gregory, District 5 and the County Council wanted to commend the Town Administrator, Melissa Cook-MacKenzie for the interaction of several issues that has occurred, she has been fantastic.

-ADJOURNMENT-

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Billig, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. McKnight, Mayor

Stephanie Racine-Dean, Town Clerk