

Town of Millington

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

Presents: Mayor Kevin Hemstock
Council Mark Linton
Council Zita Seals
Council Wayne Starkey

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Lt. Scott Duhamel

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Kevin Hemstock called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2024 meeting was entered by Council Starkey; a second by Council Linton, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Susquehanna Operational Services Report: Reviewed

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Lt. Scott Duhamel gave the Sheriff's Report.

Town Administrator Report: Admin Manning reviewed her report and provided an update on the senior housing project, Freeman Evans development, and Maloney's property.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed

Rental Property Report: Reviewed

Old Business: Admin Manning shared with the Council that the façade program application period is now open, and submitted applications will be reviewed by Council at the June meeting. The Council asked Admin Manning to review the façade program interest rates from other like programs.

Admin Manning informed Council Talkie has requested purchasing water for directional drilling for approximately 18 months. Council agreed to sell water to Talkie subject to a fine of \$1000 per day if water is taken without prior notification to the Town.

After reviewing the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025, Council has agreed to raise property taxes by 10%; a motion to increase property tax was entered by Council Starkey and a second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered. Council agreed to increase water and sewer rates to cover rising costs to maintain the plants; a motion to increase the water and sewer rates was entered by Council Linton, and second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

As part of the annual budget preparation, Council reviewed the proposed amended fee schedule, a motion to increase permit and miscellaneous fees was entered by Council Linton, a second by Council Starkey and a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Admin Manning asked Council for their decision regarding recycling igloos, Council would like to move forward with the igloos; they requested to place a sign stating this area is covered by a security camera.

Admin Manning asked if Council planned to amend Chapter 29 - Animals, Council agreed no changes were needed at this time.

Public Hearing:

A motion was made to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Linton, a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the public hearing was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Mayor Hemstock read into the record Resolution 2024-04 - Volunteer Fire Dept Property Tax Credit. There was no public comment. A motion to adopt was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Seals; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Mayor Hemstock read into the record Resolution 2024-05 Operational Emergency Response Plan - update. A motion to adopt was entered by Council Seals, a second by Council Starkey, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

A motion to close the public hearing was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Linton; a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the regular meeting was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Linton; a vote 4-0 was entered.

New Business: Mayor Hemstock read the Proclamation - Celebrate Trails Day - a motion to except the Proclamation was entered by Council Seals, a second by Council Starkey, a vote 4-0 was entered.

Mayor Hemstock introduced Resolution 2024-06 Reimbursement Policy.

Mayor Hemstock introduced Resolution 2024-07 Authorize to submit CDBG Grant Application for MSV.

Mayor Hemstock introduced Resolution 2024-08 – Establishment of Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG.

Admin Manning shared the two proposals received for the trash contract, a motion to except Chesapeake Waste's proposal was entered by Council Starkey, a second by Council Seals, a vote 4-0 was entered.

Admin Manning shared with Council information from MDE regarding a complaint filed about trash around Dollar General. An investigation was completed by MDE, their findings were that Dollar General is in violation of Comar 26.13.03.02 and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). MDE asked that the Town develop an enforceable policy to address hazardous waste disposal. The Council feels at this time the Town doesn't need to draft this type of policy as this is the first complaint filed.

Public Comments: No Comments

Council Comments: Mayor Hemstock shared his feelings on commercial inspections, stated MDIA needs to devise a better time frame for inspections. He stated the inspector was 5 minutes late for an appointment at Hairy hounds causing the inspection to be rescheduled. Clerk Starkey informed Council, the time frame has change, the inspection window is now 11 am – 4 pm every Wednesday.

Correspondence:

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 8:26 PM was entered by Council Starkey, seconded by Council Linton, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Starkey, Town Clerk