

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: James Eberhardt, Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Alan Fox, Robert Ashby Jr. and Town Administrator: Denise Breder

Absent: Commissioner Ray Ryan III.

The Town of Perryville meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eberhardt.

The Town Meeting in its entirety can now be listened to on the Town's web site at www.perryvillemd.org.

Mayor Eberhardt announced there were no requests for remote participation.

APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Eberhardt asked for a motion to approve the Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda Items: Mayor Eberhardt asked for a motion regarding the consent agenda items, which include the January 17, 2017 Work Session Minutes, the January 17, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, the February 7, 2017 Town Meeting Minutes, the Perryville Little League Request to have their annual parade, Restore Church to hang their banner for the Easter Egg hunt, Election Board re-appointments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Ashby to approve the Consent Agenda items. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioners' Reports -

Mayors Report

Mayor Eberhardt reported that he along with Ms. Breder met with the new Economic Developer for Cecil County on February 10 to discuss Economic Development for Perryville. On the 13th of February, he along with Commissioner Fox met with the County Executive and staff to discuss wastewater issues. On the 14th and 16th Mayor Eberhardt met with the Perryville Elementary School and the Good Shephard School 4th graders to discuss the "If I Were Mayor Essay Contest". On the 15th met with Gary Stewart to discuss the property around the casino and Economic Development issues. On the 17th of February, he met with the Principals of the Perryville Elementary, Middle, and High Schools and other local schools to discuss a new active shooter program called

A.L.I.C.E. They will be doing that at the Perryville Middle School on the 17th of March. On March 2nd, he met with the other Mayors of Cecil County. Later that evening the Health Department came to Town Hall to hold a Narcan course, unfortunately the turnout was not good, the hope is that they will do it again with better marketing. On the 6th the Mayor attended the 100th anniversary of APG meeting. Today Mayor Eberhardt, along with Commissioner Ryan and the Chief, participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Greene Turtle at the Hollywood Casino.

Commissioner Ashby's Report -

Commissioner Ashby stated that his report will be covered in the Administrative Report.

Commissioner Fox's Report -

Commissioner Fox reported that routine maintenance and operations at both plants was performed. The belt filter press is still being installed at the Wastewater Plant. They are continuing to cross train employees between the two plants. The first set of tests that have come back have showed a significant decrease in the levels of trihalomethanes at the Water Plant since installing the new mixers. He has also been working on a bicycling/walking tour of historical Perryville which was made by Commissioner Brown several years ago, that is being updated, along with a historical Perryville postcard and promotions. He is hoping to be done with them by the end of March. On the 28th he took a tour of the progress of the new Police building.

Commissioner Fox presented a mug that commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the Perryville Fire Company which he would like to be displayed in our display case.

Commissioner Linkey's Report -

Commissioner Linkey stated that the full DPW report will be posted on the website. The benches were installed at the Lower Ferry Park and the new Welcome sign was installed along Route 40 at the Cedar Corner vicinity. Along with attending the town's regular meetings, she along with Chief Miller attended an event at the Perryville Elementary School for Dr. Suess's birthday and read books for two classrooms. The Riversweep event will be on April 22nd this year, however, she will be out of town. She will get things rolling but will not be there to coordinate for the day of; volunteers are welcome. She stated that Brigitte and other LSHG members usually have everything set up very well. She also wanted to get the word out that if you notice any potholes that need to be addressed to make sure that you contact Town Hall to let us know because there may be some that we are not aware of.

Perryville Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Brian Jones

Chief Jones reported that there were 30 fire calls and 104 ambulance calls for the month of February. He also stated that they signed a contract to purchase a new ambulance which they should receive sometime in September to replace their oldest ambulance.

Mayor Eberhardt stated that Mayor Tome had told him that there was going to be a rescue/water boat exhibition at the Town of Port Deposit.

VA Update - Marc Dallaire

Mr. Dallaire reported that they are still looking at the drawings for the CLC project to resolicit for bids since the 1st bids came in too high, he does not have a date for the re-solicitation yet. The terms and conditions for the lease agreement for the EUL project are being discussed and determined and they are looking to close on that the end of April or beginning of May, this will be a 70-year term.

Mayor Eberhardt asked about the status of the Water Plant upgrade.

Mr. Dallaire stated that this project was awarded, with a split notice to proceed, the Administrative Notice to Proceed was a couple of months ago, the Construction Notice to Proceed will be the first week in April.

Town Administrator Report - Denise Breder

Ms. Breder stated that the biggest thing that has been worked on this month is preparing the budget and meeting with the department heads to discuss their needs. Ms. Breder gave the dates for the budget meetings, the dates were for March 28, March 30th, April 11th, April 13th, Public Hearing April 25th and Adoption on May 2, 2017. All the meetings are at 6:30 p.m. except for the May 2nd Town Meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.

We have also been conducting interviews, our Planning Director position has been filled. Dianna Battaglia has accepted that position, so we will need to fill her position, which is currently advertised in house. We have interviewed five candidates for the Finance Director position and expect to be making an offer soon on that. On March 15, there is a Public Outreach Information Session regarding the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project being held at the Perryville High School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Breder stated that the Town of Perryville has been put on notice by the MD Department of the Environment that we will be required to have our own MS4 permit, having to do with stormwater runoff. There are a lot of things that we are going to be required to do and it is going to cost a lot of money to implement this permit, so there will be discussions during budget time. There will be public outreach and education as well as staff education, testing of outfalls, and an illicit discharge detection program

would need to be implemented. Under another permit, we already have a stormwater pollution prevention plan for our Wastewater Plant. We will likely have to write pollution prevention plans for other town properties, such as Public Works and this complex. It is going to take a lot of time and money and the biggest part of it will be having to take an evaluation of how much impervious surface is in Perryville and by the year 2025 we must mitigate for 20% of that. Ralph supplied us with some rough estimates of costs per year in his report based on calls to other communities, however, she believes that the mitigation part will be significantly more than what the estimate is.

Mayor Eberhardt stated that this is a tremendous unfunded mandate that they are putting on us. It is going to be extremely difficult and expensive for small towns to meet that mandate. He noted that a couple of communities have already been under that mandate, such as Havre De Grace, Bel Air and Aberdeen. He believes that a couple of them are facing very steep fines because they are unable to meet the mandate requirements. Mayor Eberhardt commented that there is a remote possibility that with the new administration that they may cut back somewhat on some of the requirements, but that is not for sure.

Commissioner Linkey inquired if we have a timeline on the Otsego Street work.

Ms. Breder commented that she will get back to her on that.

Commissioner Linkey inquired if we have a timeline for the Royal Farm plans.

Ms. Breder did not have the information on that.

Mayor Eberhardt reverted to one of our Planning and Zoning board members, Pete Reich, who was in attendance tonight to see what information he could provide.

Mr. Reich stated that the final plat for the project was approved. There are some things that they need to get done for the County, he is estimating for them to possibly start breaking ground in a couple of months, although that may be optimistic.

Mayor Eberhardt commented that we had spoken about efforts to drill holes in the dam and demolish the facility up there. We were going to talk to the County about their interest in the site, he inquired if we have heard from them yet.

Ms. Breder responded that she has received an email asking to schedule a meeting and she did reply to that but has not received a response back yet to whether the meeting date has been set.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Eberhardt noted that we did receive an additional \$70,000 in slot revenue that former Delegate Rudolph put into the bill.

Ms. Breder announced that we also got our first partial month of the table game revenue beginning from December 8th when MGM opened.

Police Report - Police Chief Al Miller

Chief Miller reported that Officer Lenzi attended a week - long course on crisis intervention training and he attended his graduation. Chief Miller along with Lt. Budnick have been attending bi-weekly meetings for the new Police Department, it is about 55% completed. Three of our officers attended the Rising Sun Appreciation Breakfast. He spoke to the Pastors wife from Restore Church about the Easter Egg hunt this year at the Perryville High School on April 1st. In regards to the stats for the month of February the thefts decreased due to active patrols that we had. A lot of the thefts that had been occurring were unlocked vehicles being scoped out by unknown perpetrators. Warnings and CDS have increased, attributed to the amount of traffic stops. On April 22nd at 9 am Corporal Nitz will be hosting an active shooter class at the Perryville Firehouse. We are working on updating the businesses in town to see if they have CC TVs or cameras on the inside or outside of their buildings and if they work or not, we anticipate this being done by the end of March. Last week one of our officers backed up a Transportation Authority Police Officer at the Pilot on 222. Chief Miller has spoke with the security supervisor at the Casino about our Police Department offering the casino staff training at no cost, the security supervisor is going to research that and get back to us.

Mayor Eberhardt said that the new owners of the Green Turtle may volunteer for Riversweep.

Outreach Program -

Shawn, a member from the Outreach Program, reported on the activities for the month of February. The Outreach Program was featured in the Rising Sun Herald for their "Free Little Pantry" program. Our attendance has increased this month partly attributed to the good weather and that we are serving dinner almost 4 times a week. We celebrated Valentine's Day and made crafts for our special someone's. We are still working on our 5K event that is scheduled for September. Our doorhangers are in and we are excited to get out in the community and place them on the doors. Members whose grades are improving attended a "Great Escape Field Trip." Our life skill classes have focused on manners, anger management, and a little history lesson on Mardi Gras. Our staff has started the process in getting certified as Health Coaches so that we can further serve our youth in making healthier lifestyles.

Mayor Eberhardt inquired what the doorhangers were all about.

Jesse Lilly, the Program Director, explained that it was a way to refresh the community on what their program is all about and to clear up some misconceptions that people may have about the program.

Planning and Zoning was somewhat covered earlier so Mayor Eberhardt moved to the next item, From the Floor, and there were no comments from the floor so they moved to Old Business.

Old Business

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2017-05 - Consideration of a budget amendment introduced last month to take \$30,000 from the Mayor and Commissioners contingency funds towards repair and maintenance to the building, primarily for additional work at the Reservoir Dam, asbestos mediation and additional work not originally anticipated. From the water fund \$10,000 from contingency funds needed to cover R&M equipment at the WTP.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Ashby to adopt Budget Amendment Ordinance 2017-05. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

New Business

Portable Toilet Bid Results - Two bids were received for leasing and maintenance of the portable toilets on various town owned properties, one from A-1 Sanitation Services, Inc. and the other from Ewing's Septic and Portable Restrooms.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the bid from Ewing's Septic and Portable Restrooms.

Ordinance 2017-06 - Request for a change to Chapter 26 to omit automatic alcohol permits for the Farmer's Market. Mayor Eberhardt read the introductory paragraph.

Ms. Breder stated that there were two references in our code involving alcoholic beverages and we corrected one of them, but not the other reference, so this is to correct the reference in Chapter 26, and this is just the introduction.

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2017-07 - Consideration to bring in \$40,000 from prior year local impact for I&I for our stormwater system. **(Motion Needed)**

Commissioner Linkey brought up a typo on the description page of the budget amendment where it says subtract \$4,500.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve Budget Amendment 2017-07. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Draft Local Impact Plan - Consideration of the three - year Local Impact Budget Plan for FY 2018-FY 2020 and to bring in balances from prior years. **(Motion Needed)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Ashby to approve the Draft Local Impact Plan for FY 2018-FY 2020. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

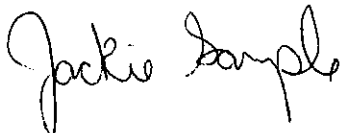
Ms. Breder suggested that they also make a motion on the 2nd part of the Local Impact Budget request which was to bring prior year's balances forward not spent in prior years. Although they had been approved previously it is just making the committee aware that we are bringing them forward in addition to the new budget in the amount of \$171,493.

Ms. Breder commented that when we work through our budget process we will have a Public Hearing and then we will include this as a Resolution in May.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve bringing the prior balances for the Local Impact from FY 2016 & 2015 to the FY 2018 in the amount of \$171,493. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting at 7:55 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample".

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk