

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Commissioners, Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Police Lieutenant: Michael Reno, Outreach Director: Danielle Hemling, Finance Director: Debra Sharpe, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman, Billing Clerk: Tara Blevins.

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

The April 4, 2023, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roath.

Pledge to the Flag

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Mayor Roath asked for a motion for approval of the April 4, 2023, Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the April 4, 2023, Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as written, items consisting of the March 7, 2023, Town Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2023, Work Session Minutes, and the March 21, 2023, Closed Session Minutes. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Recognition

Mayor Roath presented a Certificate of Excellence for 2023 Indoor High School Shot Put State Champion to Sydney Phillips.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Roath

Mayor Roath attended a Cecil County Economic Development Council Meeting on March 1, also met with representatives from Captain Lee's Marina about the Tiki Lee's project. Met with a developer on potential annexation which they have now applied for annexation. Also, on March 1st attended towns budget meeting. Mayor Roath also met with Governor Wes Moore as well as other representatives from Perryville. March 14 attended the towns budget meeting remotely. On March 20th attended planning meeting where Tiki Lee's received approval from the Planning Commission. On March 21st along with staff met with a resident and local business woman that is interested in revamping the local Chamber of Commerce. On March 21st attended the monthly work session. March 25th attended the Annual Perryville

Fire House Banquet. On March 27, met with Melissa Tapp, Executive Director of United Way to see if they have interest in partnering with us for future events. On March 31st met with a resident volunteer to discuss the future of the Chesapeake Feline Association and our current working agreement. On April 3rd attended a tour of the Veteran's Village with Maryland Housing & Community Development Jake Day, followed by a luncheon at the Perryville American Legion. Mayor Roath announced publicly that Delegate Hornberger has added the new field house at Perryville High School to the 2024 physical year budget.

Public Safety Report

Commissioner Linkey attended all the budget meetings, as well as the meeting with the Governor, and the luncheon. Commissioner Linkey also attended the Annual Fire House Banquet, and stated she is always so impressed with the number of volunteers that go above and beyond for our area. Commissioner Linkey also congratulated Charlie Thomas who received an award for 60 years of service, as well as Richard Hall who was inducted into Harford/Cecil Hall of Fame for his service and wanted to thank all of the Perryville Fire Company for all they do. On April 22nd will be River Sweep from 9am to noon at Perryville Community Park, Perryville Boat Ramp and Rodgers Tavern with lunch provided by Chick-fil-a.

Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Report

Commissioner Taylor reported that both the Wastewater and Water Plant were in full compliance with MDE and NPDES to date. The Wastewater Influent monthly flow was 19.72 million gallons, with an effluent of 18.68 million gallons, with 6.58 gallons at the Veterans Center. There was 8.3 million gallons of raw water processed at the Water Plant, with 8.8 million gallons of finished water, and 1.7 million gallons of backwash water. Commissioner Taylor explained that the monthly sample results were negative indicating water is safe for consumption. We have also received a quote from Wickersham to install new decanter float and also to have a drain installed to help with future cleanings of the butterfly valve. EA Labs finished collecting samples for this year's toxicity and biomonitoring tests and those have been sent to MDE. Commissioner Taylor also attended the back of the house walk through at Great Wolf Lodge to see their set up and how they will process the water.

Fire Station 6 & 16 Report – Fire Chief Brad Willis

Chief Willis reported that there were 35 calls for March. Chief Willis explained they now have an approved outreach program that will be working with Perryville Outreach so that the kids can come over to the Fire House once a month to get the kids more engaged with the Fire House and the Community. Also, attended the town budget meeting and gave a presentation. Chief Willis presented Commissioner Aldridge a challenge coin since she was not able to attend the banquet.

Planning and Zoning Report – Commissioner Aldridge

Commissioner Aldridge also attended the meeting with Governor Wes Moore. March 20th attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and we reviewed the final site plan for Tiki Lee's. Perryville is having an Easter Egg hunt this Friday April 7, 2023 and if anyone is looking to volunteer for any events that can reach out to Alisha Garlie. Planning and Zoning full report is online.

Public Works Report – Mayor Matt Roath

Mayor Roath stated that the full report can be found online. Mayor Roath stated that the planning department is looking to become independent from Cecil County in regards to storm water management.

Mayor Roath also stated that some curb work has been done in the Roundhouse Drive area and crosswalks. We will also be working on this in Beacon Point area as well.

Administration Report – Commissioner Snelling

Commissioner Snelling attended the Annual Fire House Banquet. Commissioner Snelling expressed to Chief Willis that the event was very nice and they did a great job. Commissioner Snelling also attended the meeting with Governor Wes Moore. We hired a new police officer and his start date is April 10, 2023. We also have openings at DPW and the Police Department. Full report is online.

Town Administrators Report- George Patchell

Mr. Patchell reported that the updated Town Charter has been uploaded to our website, as well as the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan. Mr. Patchell explained the Wastewater Plant ENR project will be on the agenda at the Maryland Board of Public Works at 10am tomorrow April 5, 2023 for 7.3 million dollars. Grant reimbursable by MDC for the project is 96.23% of the total project cost and the town would be responsible for the remainder. Mr. Patchell explained that we have received the permit through MDE for Trihalomethane Removal System (TRS) so they will be working on that project in the next few months. The sidewalk project we are working on the Right of Way MOU for three properties that will be affected from Patterson's Funeral Home to the High School.

Treasurers Report – Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe explained that her report can be found online but she would highlight a couple things. She stated that we are deep in the budget season and will be wrapping that up soon. Ms. Sharpe stated that we have had a lot of changes in the past year within the town with Great Wolf and what taxes we will receive. We did have a meeting with the State of Maryland and they weren't really sure therefore, they will have to get back with us. Mayor Roath added that we are trying to figure out the gray area with the Entertainment Tax, so we are just trying to get some clarification on if that is going to be paid. Ms. Sharpe explained that she has done an analysis of the NewGen's Water and Sewer study and we are incorporating some of those suggests into the budget which will be voted on at the next budget meeting. She stated that we are finalizing the bond issue that will pay for the new road construction out on Otsego Street it should happen this month.

Police Report – Police Lieutenant - Michael Reno

Lieutenant Reno reported that Chief Nitz has been working on the 2024 budget. Lieutenant Reno explained that they are still monitoring the speed cameras and also assisted with Outreach Program-5K event. Lieutenant Reno stated we have a new hire James Bush who is working on his second week of training for compliance, and we have hired Officer David Ford as well leaving one opening for an officer still remaining. The officers issued 51 citations, 102 warnings for various infractions along with 6 town parking citations. A total of 12 tractor trailers were stopped along Aiken Avenue violating the road restrictions. They made 10 arrests for drug abuse violations, 1 DUI, with a total of 22 criminal arrests, prepared 43 reports, along with responding to 330 calls for service. Additionally, approximately 511 citations were issued along Aiken Avenue during the month of March. Lieutenant Reno explained that since the weather is getting warmer the officers are going to step up on traffic enforcement just for public safety with the kids being out with the nicer weather.

Outreach Report – Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported on the first, Livid Leprechaun 5K Fun Run and Walk stating that the event went well and she has gotten a lot of good feedback from others. Attended a Baltimore Blast game with the kids and their parents and started horseback riding program with Freedom Hills and Ms. Jane has done some crafts with the kids as well. Ms. Hemling explained they are getting ready for summer and there's a lot going on.

Public Comment

Pat Stetina, from the Railroad Museum, reported they are in the process of making the new design for the permit which is similar to the one that has been there since 1995, a few additions and a few subtracts. We have an electrician and woodworker and carpenters working on the new design. May be during the week or may be the weekends but the Museum will still be opened from noon to 4pm., Saturday and Sunday.

Dianne Barrick- 412 Roundhouse Drive

Ms. Barrick asked Lieutenant Reno if it is possible for her to get a copy of the report from the speed camera on Roundhouse Drive going in both directions. Ms. Barrick added she can see how fast the cars are going because there is the speed limit sign that shows the speed, but her question is. Does the town see those speeds? Mayor Roath responded, with all fairness we have had ongoing discussions on how we can make that more of a priority in our community, especially considering we are going to have an influx of tourists traffic so we want to set the tone early. Ms. Barrick also requested to have more trash & recycling cans placed along the walking trail, and at the boat ramp. Mr. Patchell responded that we have moved cans to higher traffic areas and we can look into this to see what we can do.

Gorgia Galicki -605 Aiken Ave

Ms. Galicki reported she has owned the property at 605 Aiken Ave since 1974, and she dug a ditch in 1974 to get rid of the water on Honicker Street. Ms. Galicki stated she feels like it is time to have a better plan for the water runoff in the area of Aiken Ave. and Honicker Street. It's has been paved so many times that the water just runs down the side of the street. When it rains you have to wait two to three days to cut the grass because that area is so wet. Ms. Galicki also stated she has concerns with the plastic drain cover that covers the sewer that the water drains into. In the past when there was a break there, someone stepped on it and crushed it. She has concerns someone could hurt their ankle and also wondered if we can go with something other than plastic. Mayor Roath explained that he didn't want to speculate, but that could be a possibility that it was put there temporally.

New Business

Perryville Little League Parade Request

Commissioner Taylor made a **motion** to waive the fees for public use of the areas for the Perryville Little League on April 15, 2023 and it was **seconded** by Commissioner Linkey. **All in Favor: Motion Carried**

Al Ceskey River Running Festival Half Marathon and 10K Request

Commissioner Linkey made a **motion** to approve the Al Ceskey Running Festival half Marathon and 10K and it was **seconded** by Commissioner Taylor. **All in Favor: Motion Carried**

Dominic Corson explained that the actual event is call Susquehanna Running Festival and the organization is the Al Ceskey Running Festival half Marathon and 10K. He also explained that he has been working with Carolyn Taylor, and Alisha Garlie with some ideas to engage the community and get a lot of things planned as well as working on a pasta party fundraiser the night before the race at the

Perryville Fire House. We are working on a packet pickup for Monday. Perryville Middle School band will perform at Aiken Ave and Route 40 for the runners coming off the bridge and different cheer areas. The event is September 23, 2023 and should be out of the town of Perryville by 10am.

Abatement Request at 504 Front Street

Mayor Roath asked for the record, what the dollar amount of the abatement request was. Commissioner Taylor explained that the amount on the request form is \$5,605.79. Commissioner Linkey stated half of that would be sewer and we would not have processed. Commissioner Taylor stated at the minimum we can abate the sewer. Commissioner Taylor stated that in the past we have given a one-time abatement for instances where someone has suffered from a leak and had a major water bill, given that once they are notified, to fix or stop the leak and in this case the water is off. Commissioner Taylor stated that normally it is based off of the last four quarters and that would have just been the minimum.

Commissioner Taylor made a **motion** to abatement the entire amount back to the minimum, and that we would leave the late fee, and shut off fees, and that was **seconded** by Commissioner Linkey. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

RedSpeed Citation Designation

Mr. Patchell explained that we have had 1,100 tickets over the last two months with the town received \$18 per citation, those funds will be coming to the town and we need to designate those funds to some type of safety. It was discussed to put that money into the sidewalks in the community. Commissioner Snelling asked if that could be used for lighting as well. Mr. Patchell replied yes, we can use the funds for AEDs, lighting and sidewalks.

Commissioner Linkey made the **motion** that we use the RedSpeed funds for sidewalks and lighting and it was **seconded** by Commissioner Taylor. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

5th Company Request for Alcohol at Lower Ferry Park Events

Mayor Roath explained that this is going back to their original agreement for their events at Lower Ferry Park, but this would prevent them from having to come in front of the board for each event. This would approve up to 12 events they could serve alcohol at Lower Ferry Park. Commissioner Linkey explained they would still have to come to the town and do the paperwork and pay the fees they just wouldn't have to come before the board for the alcohol request. Mr. Patchell replied that is correct.

Commissioner Taylor stated that there are times when they are having a well-attended event and they have cars parking in the grass. That was something they assured us wouldn't happen, because they had enough parking in their parking lot. Commissioner Taylor stated that if they haven't rented the park they shouldn't be parking on the grass, and a discussion needs to be had with them. Mr. Patchell recommended that we may need to put up a fence to prevent parking on the grass. Mayor Roath asked what the issue is with them parking on the grass, and Commissioner Taylor responded that if they haven't rented the town park they shouldn't be parking on the grass. Mayor Roath stated that every event that we've had we park on the grass. Commissioner Taylor replied that when someone rents the park, they would be responsible and could possibly take funds from their deposit. Commissioner Taylor expressed that he thought it was a good time to bring it up the conversation on this. In this case they are using the park without a rental agreement.

Dianne Barrick from the floor asked if they could do a better job of cleaning up after the events. They do an ok job, but she is a walker and she sees the trash after every event, as far down as Rodgers Tavern. She

also stated she felt like it shouldn't be the town that cleans the trash and ropes off the parking for them. Mayor Roath responded that he has been impressed with how they have been doing and the lack of trash. Mayor Roath also stated he would speak to 5th Company Brewing about this and he is sure they will take care of it.

Commissioner Linkey made a **motion** to approve the request for 5th Company Brewing to allow up to 12 alcohol events slated for this year and it was **seconded** by Commissioner Snelling. **All in Favor: Motion Carried**

Trash and Recycling Service Bids

Ms. Sharpe explained that we had three vendors submit bids with the lowest bidder without trash totes was TrashTech who's price was about \$30,000 lower than the next bidder with totes, but they just want to pick up recycling every other week. The highest bidder was about \$150,000 higher than the lowest bidder. Based on this Ms. Sharpe recommends going with TrashTech, the lowest bidder. Ms. Sharpe explained that in the beginning we did have service issues that seem to have cleared up but she will be reaching out to the Town Attorney to see what we can put in the contract to help with any service issues. Mr. Patchell reported that the lowest bid is \$135,000.00 more than what we are currently paying now. Commissioner Linkey shared that in Perryville you do not pay for trash service over and above their taxes.

After some discussion on options on providing trash totes, Commissioner Linkey made a **motion** to accept the TrashTech bid for trash and recycling service and this was **seconded** by Commissioner Taylor. **All in Favor: Motion Carried**

Water Plant and Wastewater Plant Chemical Bids

Ms. Sharpe explained that the bid was put out for chemicals to different suppliers. Recommendation for the lowest bidders are:

Brenntag:	Caustic Soda 25%, Soda Ash Dense and Citric Acid 50%.
Coyne:	Sodium Bisulfate 38% Solution.
Univar:	Aqua Mag and Sodium Hypochlor 10-15% Solution
USALCO:	DelPac1525 and DelPac1000.

Commissioner Taylor made a **motion** to approve the highlighted suppliers (listed above) and it was **seconded** by Commissioner Linkey. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor and **seconded** by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the April 4, 2023 Town Meeting at 8:05 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Tara Blevins
Billing Clerk