Town of Perryville Town Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Robert R. Ashby Jr., Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Raymond Ryan III, Pete Reich, Robert Taylor, Town Administrator: Denise Breder, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia, Planning and Zoning Coordinator: Amanda Hickman, Police Lieutenant: Keith Budnick, Outreach Director: Danielle Hemling, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman.

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

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Ashby.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ashby asked that only comments not related to PIRD be brought up during the From the Floor section and the PIRD related comments be held until that point of the meeting when that agenda item comes up.

Approval of Town Meeting Agenda

Mayor Ashby asked for a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reich and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the February 5, 2019 Town Meeting Agenda.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Items: Mayor Ashby asked for a motion regarding the consent agenda items, which include the December 11, 2018 Closed Session Minutes, the January 8, 2019 Town Meeting Minutes, the January 8, 2019 Closed Session Minutes, the January 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, the January 15, 2019 Closed Session Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes as written. All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Commissioner Taylor's Report -

Commissioner Taylor reported that he met with the Town Administrator to discuss the Town's IT system and working on a disaster recovery contingency plan for that, and plan to work throughout the Spring to put that together. He was pleased to go the Fire Company banquet with the Mayor and other Commissioners to present the \$70,000 check to the Fire Company.

Commissioner Reich's Report -

Commissioner Reich reported that we started out the new year with meeting the State and Federal requirements for both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. We have already applied for our \$60,000 grant from last year. We received the draft preliminary GMB Engineering report today. We are working on reaching new NPDES permit testing requirements. The required plan to reduce aluminum in the effluent to the new limit has been completed. The turbidity continues to be elevated throughout the month causing an increase in the use of chemicals. Commissioner Reich reported that he also attended the Fire Company Banquet, which was a great event. He, along with Ms. Breder, met with KCI to discuss the stormwater management work that they are doing for us.

Commissioner Ryan's Report -

Commissioner Ryan stated that he met with the Police Chief and some of the officers to discuss things that are going on in town. In January, he along with Lieutenant Budnick attended a tabletop exercise at the Harford County Department of Emergency Services to discuss what would be done if the bridges were closed due to high winds.

Commissioner Ryan reported on behalf of the Fire Department for the month of January. There were 53 calls, 2 of them were on I-95, the average time to put people on the street was 6.3 minutes, with 9.9 personnel average per call, with 6 of those personnel being on the scene per call. Subway is doing a fundraiser for the Fire Department tonight until 9 p.m., 15% of their proceeds go to the Fire Department. He attended two different meetings at the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services for the new radio systems. We bought a bunch of new fire hose with a micro grant from the Federal Government that was received. With the money that was donated from the town that was presented during the banquet we ordered 6 replacement self-contained breathing apparatus, we have a 5-year plan to replace 6 a year, until we get them all replaced.

Commissioner Linkey's Report -

Commissioner Linkey also attended the Fire Company Banquet and is always humbled by the commitment that the Fire Company has, they honored people from five years to 65 years of service. As far as the Public Works Department, they plan to work on the many pot holes that are throughout town caused by the various temperature changes and amount of rain that we have received, they will repair them when the weather gets warm enough.

Mayor Ashby's Report -

Mayor Ashby reported that he attended the County meeting on the 15th of January where Great Wolf made their presentation in the morning, they later made their presentation to the board and residents at Minker Hall later that evening. There was a Belvidere Road Impact Study Open House at Minker Hall on the 17th of the month. He

also attended a Burns night in Havre De Grace, along with the Fire Company Banquet and other meetings and numerous phone calls.

Perryville Elementary School PTO Update - Christina Aldridge

Ms. Aldridge announced that February 21st was going to be their Family Fun and Fitness night from 5-7 p.m., it is a great event for the entire family, and you do not have to have a student that goes to the school to attend. This is in conjunction with the Heart Healthy Month, and there are many events scheduled for this, such as Jazzercize or an Obstacle Course and Martial Arts or Yoga. After the exercises we will providing dinners free of charge for attendees, provided by Subway and veggies from Food Lion. They are in need of donated bottled water and any donations would be greatly appreciated. They are still accepting nominations for the CCPS Teacher of the Year Program, and they are due by February 22. Perryville Elementary School is still actively working toward their MD Association of Environment and Outdoor Education Green School certification. They are in search of railroad ties, as well as any large older tires, and could also use some manpower when the time comes to put our outdoor classroom together. We are hosting our Read Across America Day on March 1, 2019 and are looking for readers from our Town Government and Community to read a book to a class. Please contact the school at 410-642-6540, if you are interested in doing that. As she announced last month at the meeting Perryville Elementary School was designated as a Four- Star School by the MD State Department of Education. The PTO is still looking for a hobby woodworker or anyone that would be willing to donate a large wooden prize wheel for future events. In April we have a Sock Hop Dance event scheduled, we are going to theme it around Earth Day which is in April.

Town Administrator Report - Denise Breder

Ms. Breder commented that her report will be on-line if anyone would like to read it and that she does not have anything to highlight this evening.

Police Report - Chief Miller

Chief Miller reported that his report will also be on-line. Chief Miller reported that in the FBI report for the past two years Perryville has seen a reduction in crime. He announced that the Perry Point Police contacted them to assist them with a man with a knife call.

Outreach Report - Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported that there were over 390 kids that attended the program this month, with over 51 active members, with 1 new referral and 4 new members. This month we have made big plans for Outreach. We met with PFC Officer Will Harris who is the Youth Facilitator with the Howard County Police Department Outreach Program. There are several new programs we plan to implement in a smaller scale here. Those

programs include a Youth Advisory Council, a referral and transportation program with the Middle School, a Collision Avoidance Training program, and a leadership training at North Bay with officers in our department. We started a new partnership with CCPS Food Services and Nutrition Department. They are providing us with afterschool snacks for our children to enjoy before homework. We applied for a "Catch My Breath" tobacco grant from the Health Department. This grant will allow us to learn and teach this program to our members and members of the middle school. We are also currently formulating a grant application for the GOCCP. This program is the Community Program Grant, in which we are requesting funds to supplement our budget. Additionally, members of the 4H in Cecil County have reached out to fully fund and help put together a community garden. The garden will include raised beds and a bee box for honey. Furthermore, we accepted the loan of 16 chrome books for our CCPS students to use for homework. These grants were provided to us from CCPS through a grant opportunity led by the Elementary school. We would like to thank Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Fortune for the opportunity. We are also in the process of pursuing the creation of a 501C3 foundation to supplement our existing budget and to open additional funding opportunities. This month for community service our members put together winter gift bags for children staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore, members also helped at the food bank distribution, and restocked our community pantry. Life skills this month focused on developing problem-solving skills. We would like to thank Collette's for a donation of fruit, Jane Bellmyer for putting together a winter craft, and Lisa Tome for some donations to our kitchen.

Please like our Facebook page and share any good news or activities you see within our community. Also check our monthly calendar for upcoming activities.

Commissioner Taylor forgot to mention in his report that he stopped by the Outreach Program and was given a tour of the building. He also mentioned that he and his father- in- law raise bees and have a bunch of extra equipment and suits, if they need some help with that.

Planning and Zoning - Dianna Battaglia

Ms. Battaglia did not have anything to highlight tonight, her report will be online.

From the Floor

Mayor Ashby asked for anyone that wants to speak about anything other than the PIRD to speak now.

Scott Gunnarsson, from 613 Cecil Avenue, had come last month to address the issues with their roadways on Cecil Avenue and were told there would be a deed search and did not hear anything. Mr. Hampton, who resides at 617 Cecil Avenue was also present.

Ms. Breder responded that they had not decided that night whether they would do the deed search, but we did talk about it at the Work Session a couple of weeks after that and she needs to meet with them to get more information, she handed out her card to him to schedule a meeting with her, or they could give her their phone numbers.

Ms. Aldridge had forgot to bring up the fact that the Elementary School PTO is collecting the box tops, on most name brand food items, and they have a constant contest that goes on, and second grade has won for the past four contests that have been held. If anyone has any extra box tops, they can send them to the school. Box tops gives back money to the schools as we turn them in, and our last check was for \$473.

Old Business

Resolution 2019-01

Mayor Ashby stated that we have Resolution 2019-01 before us in regards to the Planned Infill for 68 Heather Lane.

Mr. Sussman summarized a Resolution that he prepared on behalf of some of the members of the council following the Public Hearing and following the Special Meeting that the Commissioners conducted regarding the PIRD application. Under the PIRD regulations the council must decide any action related to the request for the Planned Infill Redevelopment District by a written decision by the way of findings of facts. These requirements are set forth in the Town Code. He has prepared a Resolution for the board to consider and discuss and possibly entertain a motion to approve the Resolution if it is the will of the board to do so. If there is no motion to approve the Resolution, then the matter remains in limbo until brought back again for the preparation of an additional Resolution. Mr. Sussman wanted to mention that this Resolution has not been discussed by the board, and to his knowledge the board has not really deliberated as a group on the potential decision of the application.

From the Floor

Craig McDowell, who resides at 6 Penny Lane, questioned whether tonight's decision is for rezoning only and not specifically ruling on the warehouse, that this would be in another decision down the road.

Mr. Sussman responded that what is before the board tonight is the potential decision on the application for rezoning for the Planned Infill Development District and the associated General Development Plan, which is part of that application, it all goes hand in hand.

William Voss, 10 Penny Lane, is still a little hazy on what has been decided. This past week because of the snowfalls the noise from the trucks backing into the area has been very highlighted and concerns him.

Shelley Ollis, 19 Penny Lane, brought up the fact that it is obvious that there is a lot of concern regarding this project based on the amount of people that showed up in December for the meeting and the emails that you received, and she hopes that you will take all of that into consideration. She feels that there is other opportunity for growth and is excited about the possibility of Great Wolf coming and does not want anything that would hinder the potential for other better development opportunities to come that the residents can use. Many of us on Penny Lane bought there because it was a quiet and peaceful community and we do not want a warehouse plopped down in our back yards with trucks idling all hours of the night and in and out all hours of the night. She also questioned the traffic study that was done and whether it was impartial or not, it appears to have been done at the request of the developer.

Mr. Young, from 12 Penny Lane, commented that his property backs up to the warehouse property, and in the morning, he can clearly hear those beepers where salt trucks are being loaded, etc., so he questions the accuracy of the noise study and the traffic study that was done. He does not think that the data that was provided to you was accurate or unbiased and does not reflect the true impact.

Mr. McDowell, 6 Penny Lane, commented that when you look at the end of this proposed new warehouse, it is 350 feet long, which is a football field and 50 feet. The length of this is 3 football fields, it is an enormous structure, being built approximately 600 feet from a residential neighborhood. There is no other place in Cecil County that has anything like this. He commented that if we allow this, there is a nice big flat lot just to the south of Beacon Point, he questioned if that is going to be the site for the next warehouse. The Phoenix noise study is just a bogus study, he can sit in his back yard and listen to the music at the Exxon Station, which is beyond the warehouse, over the hill at Perryville Road. When the Outlet Center was doing Friday night Rock and Roll night, he could hear the music and actually make out the song. You are going to be hearing the consistent beeping of the trucks backing up, and Beacon Point will be hearing that too. Warehouses should be put in industrial parks, not bumped up against a residential area.

Commissioner Reich commented that he has been around the Planning and Zoning Board for many years and he was involved in the rewriting of the Ordinance in the 1990's and the Comprehensive Plan for the town. He does not think that anyone had envisioned seeing a warehouse on the middle of town, it is not suitable for this part of town.

Commissioner Linkey wanted to clarify to the residents, since they are not aware of what the Resolution is, it is to deny the PIRD application request.

Commissioner Ryan inquired if anyone had any other ideas for the property since it is obvious that they do not want a warehouse there, since retail did not seem to work there either.

Ms. Ollis stated that maybe retail did not work in the past, but may work if Great Wolf was to come, or other restaurant options. There may be opportunities for things that may not have worked before.

Commissioner Reich commented that Great Wolf is not a done deal and questioned what they would like to see there if Great Wolf was not coming. Commissioner Reich had heard a movie theater mentioned before, he does not feel that we have the people in this area that would support that, Elkton does not even have enough people to support one.

Commissioner Linkey thinks that a movie theater would be good, because there is Oxford and the surrounding areas to support it, restaurants, and numerous things that could go there.

Ms. Aldridge commented that she likes to keep her money where she lives, and right now is having to drive to Delaware to go to main events, or do her shopping, or Aberdeen or Elkton to get fast food.

A resident commented that he recalls when he first moved to the area and the outlet mall was still functioning, that there was a lot of neglect that was going on at that facility, too. He commented that it may not have been ran very well either. If you got another retail center there that is properly managed is may attract that type of market again.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to clarify that this discussion is not about what the town is going to put in there, that is not up to us. He was on the Planning Commission when this request was initially presented, and he pointed out that there was no public attendance at that meeting when it was initially approved for recommendation and since then there has been a lot of public comment. It is clear that the town in general does not feel that it will promote the general welfare of the public, which is the point of this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve Resolution 2019-01, a Resolution concerning 24-68 Heather Lane Planned Infill Redevelopment District.

Mayor Ashby clarified that the Resolution was to not rezone.

All in Favor: Motion Carried

New Business

Susquehanna River Running Festival - Dominic Corson

Mr. Corson was present tonight to ask for approval of their permit to hold the Al Cesky Susquehanna River Running Festival on September 28, 2019. They got great feedback from their run that they had last year, and they had people from 18 different states that came to it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reich and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Susquehanna River Running Festival.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Patriots Day Parade and Festival - Vincent Sammons

Mr. Sammons explained that they have had some contact from the National Guard, in regards to, bringing some assets into the event area. They put a request in for a Blackhawk helicopter, an air-conditioned mess tent, and a workout challenge center. They also offered to supply two school buses for transportation because the VA offered parking over there. They also want to provide a rock-climbing wall and a couple of Humvees. He plans to move the vendors more out to the street to allow for the helicopter landing, which he has spoken to the Chief about. The property next door has offered to allow for vendor parking, where the potential brewery will be. The parade route has been slightly changed to begin at the Perryville Elementary School instead of the firehouse, since that may hinder with their trucks being able to get out and will also impact IKEA traffic. It is going to be a Patriotic Event on June 22 at the Lower Ferry Park, we are going to attempt to get an actual Ferry there to operate from Havre De Grace to there, if we can. We will have recruiters there as well and different booths for Veterans and various crafts, etc. The event is open to the public and free of charge and the parade will be starting at 9 a.m., beginning at the Elementary School and coming down Aiken Avenue to Broad Street. The Cecil County Central Republican Committee is putting on the event, but it is a non-partisan event, other parties are invited to attend.

Commissioner Ryan wanted to make sure that the helicopter has enough space for the landing and is concerned with the proximity to the tents, moon bounce and other things in that vicinity.

Mr. Sammons explained that the helicopter will land well before the event will be starting and will leave after the vendors and everyone have gone.

Commissioner Taylor commented that as part of the request he is requesting that we waive the fees for the parade and the park.

Mr. Sammons responded that they are withdrawing the request to waive the fees for the parade, they plan to give a donation or gift in the amount of \$500 for whoever helps us with the parade. They just want to request the fee waiver for the event itself so that it can be dedicated to advertising for Perryville.

Commission Taylor believes that this is a great event, however, this is a fundraiser for the Cecil County Republican Committee, and by the Town Charter C5-9 conduct of Elections, all elections shall be on a non-partisan basis, and he does not feel that it is appropriate for fees to be waived for a partisan fundraiser event.

Commissioner Linkey commented that we have waived fees in the past for non-profits.

Commissioner Reich sees this as a donation from the town to the Republican Central Committee and does not think that the town should do that, he does not have an issue with the event itself.

Ms. Breder commented that the event can be held, whether you waive the fees or not, the parade must be approved by the board.

Mr. Sammons responded that he just wanted to have an event that will offer the opportunity for other parties to hold an event in your town to bring more people into the town.

Commissioner Taylor responded that he agrees that this was a fair statement, but he would feel the same way if the Democratic party was to have and event and request for waiver of fees since we are representing everyone in the town on a non-partisan basis.

Mayor Ashby responded that this is a non-profit and should be treated as such, he requested a motion be made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the parade and the event but not waive the fees. 3 in Favor, 2 opposed (Commissioner Linkey and Mayor Ashby. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-03- Great Wolf Economic Development Agreement - Introduction

Ms. Breder read the official introductory statement for Ordinance 2019-03.

Mayor Ashby commented that we worked a lot of hours on this agreement and believe that it is the best deal for both parties.

Mr. Jacobsen, the Vice President of Domestic Development of Great Wolf commended everyone that has been involved in this process and believe that this is the framework for getting us to the end where we can move forward to finance and build this project.

Mayor Ashby commented that this will be voted on at a Special Meeting at the February 19 Work Session.

Consideration of Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board - Ms. Battaglia

Ms. Battaglia commented that we had an application for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board and you had requested that the Ethics Board make a consideration on that applicant, which they have. She is requesting that you consider him as an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Reich to appoint Benjamin Malesh as an alternate member to the Planning Commission. All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Reich to adjourn the February 5, 2019 regular session at 8:09 p.m. and go into a Closed Session after a 10-minute break under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) for (1) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the public body has jurisdiction, to allow for discussion of the Ethics Commission's Advisory Opinion related to the Planning and Zoning request. (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State, (to discuss the terms and conditions of a potential agreement with a developer and to hear related information from a consultant). (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, (to obtain needed advice on the above two topics, particularly the agreement.

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie Sample

Perryville Town Clerk

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

(FROM OPEN MEETINGS MANUAL - APPENDIX C)

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Statement Regarding January 8, 2019 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of February 5, 2019 Town Meeting

On January 8, 2019, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:35 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. Mayor Ashby, Commissioners Linkey, Ryan, Reich and Taylor all voted in favor of conducting the closed meeting. In addition to the Commissioners, the Town Administrator, Denise Breder, Planning and Zoning Director, Dianna Battaglia and Town Clerk, Jackie Sample and Town Attorney, Fred Sussman, attended the entire closed session. During the meeting they discussed the potential terms and conditions of an agreement with a developer. There were no motions made during this meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Reich to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Statement Regarding January 15, 2019 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of February 5, 2019 Town Meeting

On January 15, 2019, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 7:42 p.m. at Minker Hall in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and (b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Mayor Ashby, Commissioners Linkey, Ryan, Reich and Taylor all voted in favor of conducting the closed meeting. In addition to the Commissioners, the Town Administrator, Denise Breder, Planning and Zoning Director, Dianna Battaglia and Town Clerk, Jackie Sample and Town Attorney, Fred Sussman, attended the entire closed session. During the meeting they discussed the potential terms and conditions of an agreement with a developer. There were no motions made during this meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Statement Regarding January 22, 2019 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of February 5, 2019 Town Meeting

On January 22, 2019, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 7:35 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the public body has jurisdiction Mayor Ashby, Commissioners Linkey, Ryan, Reich and Taylor all voted in favor of conducting the closed meeting. In addition to the Commissioners, the Town Administrator, Denise Breder, and Town Clerk, Jackie Sample, attended the entire closed session. During the meeting they discussed overtime pay for an employee. A motion was made and approved during that time to not allow for compensation for that the employee was requesting at that time, but to look into the HR Policy toward treatment of exempt employees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reich and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. All in Favor: Motion Carried.