

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Robert R. Ashby Jr., Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Raymond Ryan III, Pete Reich, Robert Taylor, Town Administrator: Denise Breder, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia, Police Chief: Al Miller, 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**

Approval of Town Meeting Agenda

Mayor Ashby asked for a motion to approve the June 4, 2019 Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve the June 4, 2019 Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda Items: Mayor Ashby stated that without objection the minutes of the Consent Agenda are approved as written, which include the May 7, 2019 Town Meeting minutes, the May 7, 2019 Closed Session minutes, the May 21, 2019 Work Session minutes, and the May 21, 2019 Special Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Reich -

Commissioner Reich did not have anything to report since there was not a Planning and Zoning Meeting last month.

Commissioner Taylor -

Commissioner Taylor reported that he received the reports from George, the Water and Wastewater Superintendent, for both plants. There was a chemical leak at the Wastewater Plant which caused a kill off of the chemical process, 80,000 gallons of seed sludge was hauled in from Aberdeen WWTP to re-seed the SBR biological process. A 100-gallon day tank was installed to feed ferric chloride. A bid was awarded to Hepaco, LLC. for removal of the reed bed sludge. Lee Foundation completed work installing sluice gates in the chlorine contact tanks. Commissioner Taylor announced that tonight Box Car is donating a portion of their proceeds to Perryville Elementary School PTO.

Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey stated that the Cifaldo building has been remediated so they will be working toward relocating the Outreach members soon. Phillip Meekins Jr, the Asst. DPW Superintendent, attended the MRWA Conference, where he received an award for "Distribution Specialist of the Year". We are receiving quotes for the Basketball/Tennis Courts resurfacing projects. The rest of the DPW and Park's report will be posted on the website.

Commissioner Reich asked about the status of the ball field because he has not seen much activity going on there lately when he has driven past there several times the past couple of weeks, if they were at a point where they were just going to work on putting in the new building.

Commissioner Linkey responded that as far as she knows they are still there; she has seen them out behind the Outreach building.

Danielle Hemling, the Outreach Director, responded that they have been there every day.

Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan reported that we have purchased 6 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, thanks to the town, and we are training with them and will put them into service after the training tomorrow night. As everyone is aware the County is putting a new radio system in place and we will go into training for that new system as well. We also had training operations on having to use foam in certain situations. Last month the EMS Captain resigned, and we now have a new EMS Captain, Elizabeth Albanese. We have been working with the Town and the State to get a new water line put into Station 16, which is located off of 222. The State will issue a grant for \$140,000 toward that project. Commissioner Ryan wanted to thank everyone from the Town staff, the Police Department, the Commissioners and the citizens of this community for reaching out to his family after the passing of his father.

Mayor Ashby's Report -

Mayor Ashby reported that he attended the regular meetings and attended the quarterly meeting with the casino. They are talking about the possibility of cutting the door and putting facilities in to allow for children to be able to go into the Green Turtle. He also attended a meeting with Ms. Breder at Union Hospital, and we took a tour of the hospital and will take another tour at the hospital here at Principio. Mayor Ashby went to 10 local businesses throughout town with the Economic Development Director, Billy Nelson and attended a Catsino Fund Raiser at Minker Hall where they raised around \$13,000. He attended a Gold Star Mothers Dedication at APG, and the monument is something to see for those of you that may not have been there to see it. Mayor Ashby

attended the signing of an MOU with the County and APG for an extension of services. He attended an ice cream eating contest at Boxcar. He also attended the Memorial Day function at the American Legion. He, along with Dianna Battaglia, volunteered at the Hollywood Casino and directed traffic that day while there. He had dinner with Major General Randy Taylor, who is relieving command on June 20th.

Mayor Ashby stated that he received a message from Ms. Aldridge that she will be late, so he will go back to her report when she arrives.

Town Administrator Report - Denise Breder

Ms. Breder announced that the Patriots Day event that was scheduled for June 22nd was cancelled by the planner of the event. The VA Broad Street entrance is going to remain closed until the end of June, after AMTRAK finishes their work painting the bridge, the VA is going to be doing some work at the main entrance, so they are keeping it closed. They have directly notified the schools and the Department of Emergency Services, Fire Company, and all the different agencies that they need to notify. Ms. Breder stated that at the last meeting we had the introduction of the Ordinance for illicit discharge. It is not on the agenda tonight, because we need to make a minor change to it to deal with some of the exemptions. This will be on the Special Meeting agenda after the June Work Session for vote. Her whole report will be on-line.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Breder reported that Ms. Laubach's report will be on-line. But she does want to highlight that Ms. Laubach has been working diligently on the insurance renewal which should be done before she leaves tomorrow, and she believes that the due date is June 21st.

Mayor Ashby stated that since Ms. Aldridge is here now, we will go back to her report.

Perryville Elementary School Update - Christina Aldridge

Ms. Aldridge, the President of the Perryville Elementary School PTA, reported that the Outdoor Classroom at the Elementary School is finally complete and with the donations and fundraisers we have everything that we need. We will be adding a shade cover for the area next year when school starts since it is in the direct sunlight. Our Fun and Fitness Day was a success. She wanted to thank the Perryville Police Department for all their support at the event with the families and making sure that everyone was safe and their outreach to the community. We are preparing to transition our students to next year and promote the fifth graders to Middle School. The last day of school is June 13th, there will be the break for the summer and the first day of school will be September 3rd. The PTO will be providing sheet cakes for our fifth-grade promotion, it is next week, she believes it is the 12th. There will be a reception for the fifth-grade students and their

families. She wanted to remind everyone that tonight Box Car is donating part of their proceeds to the Perryville Elementary School PTO until 9 p.m.

Police Report - Chief Miller

Chief Miller stated that at last month's meeting a resident brought to our attention some issues that were occurring at the boat ramp at night when it should be closed. He believes that issue has been resolved, he has not received any more calls. He also stated that the officers attended the viewing of Mr. Al Ryan and positioned their vehicles on 222 in his honor voluntarily. He wanted to thank the Fire Company for their assistance with apprehending a suspect that one of their officers was struggling with while waiting for backup. One of the Fire Company trucks stopped on 222 and four of their members jumped out to assist the Police Officer after witnessing the struggle. The music festival at Hollywood Casino was June 1st and it went on without any issues. He reported that they received a Spike Alert, which is when there are several overdoses within a specific period of time, he gets notified by email, there were five overdoses in Cecil County in the last 24 hours.

Mayor Ashby asked how many of the five were from Perryville.

Chief Miller responded that he was not aware of that the locations were not given, he noted that the Fire Chief or EMS staff can probably give us a better stat.

Commissioner Ryan reported that one of them was from Perryville and the patient did not want to go to the hospital.

Chief Miller reported that we still carry the NARCAN in our cars and they are still issued to us.

Chief Miller stated that our police department received a Memorandum of Understanding from the Perry Point Police Department that we are not satisfied with and want to go over it with the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney.

Commissioner Taylor stated that residents have reached out to him again regarding the u-turn sign on Route 222, he stated that now they are doing u-turns further down the road away from the sign, so it is still a problem. He is wondering if it would be less of an issue if we just allowed them to turn left coming out of the Royal Farms.

Chief Miller concurred that making the left at the traffic light may be the safer option.

Commissioner Ryan wanted to make note also that the parks as a whole, including the boat ramp and Rodgers Tavern lots, need appropriate signage to reference the times of closing so that people are still not in the lots during times when they should not be for safety reasons. He also had a recent conversation with the owner of the funeral home

regarding the speed of people that are driving down 222 turning onto Clayton Street and concern when people are crossing the street to come in and out of the funeral home.

Mayor Ashby inquired if we should consider putting a gate across the parking lot at Rodgers Tavern to be closed by a certain time.

Commissioner Ryan responded that we may just need to put signs there, along with the other areas, such as Ice House Park, Lower Ferry Park, etc.

Commissioner Linkey responded that she will work on looking into that and seeing what can be done.

Outreach Report - Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported that the Overall Monthly Attendance was 512, active members was 34 with 1 new member.

Announcements

Ms. Hemling stated that this Month we were visited by Ms. Jane for a Mother's Day craft in celebration of Mother's Day. We attended Drug Free Cecil's Drug Free Rally. We completed our CATCH program and submitted our grant reimbursements for the program. We celebrated Police Week by sending thank you cards to our officers, lollipops, and thin blueline doughnuts. For Teacher Appreciation week we sent in candy bags for our member's teachers to enjoy. Mold remediation has finally finished at the Cifaldo Center and construction can resume asap. We planted our portion of the community garden and cannot wait to see what vegetables it brings us. We are working with Chief Miller and Sargent Nitz to get together a Youth Advisory Council this summer. We already have five applications for the program. We received donations from community volunteers and the legion this month. We are celebrating some of our Senior members graduations this week. We would like to publicly congratulate them for their accomplishments. This upcoming month we will be reaching out to both the Police Department and Fire Department in preparation for National Night Out which will be August 6. We have a lot of Grant Funding that will help us with some of our programs.

Mayor Ashby inquired what time National Night Out starts.

Ms. Hemling responded that it starts at 5 p.m., and unfortunately it is usually on the Town Meeting night, so we will not be here for that.

Planning and Zoning - Dianna Battaglia

Ms. Battaglia stated that her entire report will be on the website. She highlighted that Habitat for Humanity was going to be building 2 houses on Richmond Street, and the first one at 524 Richmond Street is there and they are looking for volunteers for anyone

that is interested in volunteering check out the Habitat for Humanity website for Richmond Street. Each person that is receiving a house must put in hours to do the construction and must have a job and pay the mortgage and have good credit. Ms. Battaglia also wanted to highlight events that are going on at Rodgers Tavern, such as the Speakers Series going on this month and a George Washington Exhibit. The George Washington Exhibit will go on from June 20th to July 14th, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Rodgers Tavern is a blue star museum, which is a national program that is done to provide free admission to museums across the country for our Veterans. We do not charge an admission; however, it puts us on their map. We also have a passport stamp at our museum and collectors are out there from D.C. and other locations to collect their stamp from various locations. The hours for the George Washington Exhibit are going to be Thursday from 12-5 p.m., Friday 3-6 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m., and Saturday 12-5 p.m.

From the Floor

There were no comments From the Floor.

Old Business

Ordinance 2019-08 - Utility Bill Adjustments

Ms. Breder responded that this Ordinance has been introduced and it basically states that if a property owner does not repair a water leak within thirty days from notice they can lose the ability to get an abatement, so it is before you tonight for a vote to amend the code.

Ms. Breder explained the process currently in place for an abatement to a resident that questioned what that consists of and the reasoning for this Ordinance being proposed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reich and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ordinance 2019-08.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Budget Amendment 2019-12

Ms. Breder stated that this budget amendment was introduced on May 21st at a Special Meeting after the Work Session and it is up for vote tonight. This is just to cover the repair cost on the Route 222 water main break in the amount of \$15,000 and it is coming from water contingency. This is not covering the cost associated with repairing the road surface.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Reich to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance 2019-12. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Health Insurance - Cathy McCardell

Ms. McCardell stated that at last month's Work Session she provided a spreadsheet pertaining to the employee's Health Insurance on proposals received from our broker on various plans. Her recommendation was for proposal number 2 which is still with Care First Blue Choice Advantage. A couple of things have changed, the deductible is now \$2,500 to \$5,000, it used to be \$2,000 to \$4,000. Also, they will be co-pays for Dr. visits after they have met their deductible, the town still pays the deductible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve Proposal #2 with Care First Blue Choice Advantage. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the June 4, 2019 Town Meeting at 7:46 p.m. and go into a Closed Session under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto the acquisition; (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice to continue discussion on taking ownership of a road after a 5-minute break.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE
FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
(FROM OPEN MEETINGS MANUAL - APPENDIX C)

Location: Town Hall Date: 6/4/19 Time: 7:46 p.m.
Motion By: Ryan Seconded By: Taylor

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ashby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Linkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Ryan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Reich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

General Provisions Article §3-305(b):

☐ (1) To discuss:

(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or

(ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

☐ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;

☒ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition;

☐ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

☐ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

☐ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

☒ (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;

☐ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

☐ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

☐ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:

(i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

☐ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

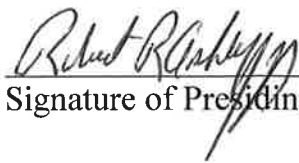
☐ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

☐ (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

☐ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASON FOR CLOSING AND THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

(3) To Consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose & matters directly related to the acquisition. (7) To consult with . . . counsel to obtain legal advice. to continue discussion about taking ownership of a road.



Signature of Presiding Officer

**Statement Regarding May 7, 2019 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
June 4, 2019 Town Meeting**

On May 7, 2019, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 7:58 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding a letter received from another Attorney. In addition to the Mayor Ashby, Commissioners, Linkey, Taylor, Reich, the Town Administrator, Denise Breder, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia and Town Attorney: Fred Sussman attended the entire closed session. Commissioner Ryan was absent. The board and the Town Attorney discussed a letter received from a resident's attorney regarding the responsibility of a section of road in town limits. The Small Cell legislation was not discussed.

Motion was made by Mayor Reich and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**