

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Town Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Outreach Program Director: Danielle Hemling, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample.

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

The November 2, 2021, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roath.

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Mayor Roath asked for a motion for approval of the Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the November 2, 2021, Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 5, 2021, Public Hearing Minutes, October 5, 2021, Town Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021, Closed Session Minutes, and the October 19, 2021, Work Session Minutes. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roath thanked everyone who participated in the House decorating contest for Halloween. The first place winner was Ashley Torres, the second place winner was Patty Reeves, and the third place winner was Margaret Brigham. Mayor Roath recognized Jill Weisheimer and the Perryville Marching band on their continued excellence in placing first in the Region 9 Championship on October 23rd at Appoquinimink High School. He also congratulated Coach Sean Sandora and the Perryville High School football team for winning the Susky Bowl at Havre De Grace High School on October 22nd which put them into the Division I playoffs for the number one seed in the east bracket with a team to be determined on November 12th at 7 p.m. Mayor Roath congratulated the various local community businesses that were voted as Cecil favorites in the Counties annual reader approved section of the local paper. He welcomed the new Town Administrator, George Patchell, who has been working hard to get acclimated in his new position. He also wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the Assistant Town Administrator, Cathy McCardell who assisted during the transition of the Town Administrator, but also the transition with Mayor's as well. The Mayor reported that he was scheduled to attend a Lower Susquehanna Greenway meeting in Northeast but was unable to attend, however, staff members did attend. He attended the Fall MD Municipal Convention from

October 10-12 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City and also attended his first Mayors Association Meeting while he was there. On October 17th he attended the final Five Star Event at Fair Hill and thanked Cecil County Executive Danielle Hornberger, Cecil County Tourism and the Cecil County Office of Tourism for hosting us. He attended the planning commission meeting on October 18 where Tiki Lee's concept plans were presented. They plan to do something truly unique on the property at River Road and are hoping to start construction as soon as they can. He attended the Cecil County Realtors annual meeting on the 20th of October and obtained a lot of good feedback on their trajectory for our Town. He attended a conference call with State Officials, George Patchell, and Cathy McCardell to discuss various projects and our infrastructure capacities. On the 25th of October he popped into a meeting with Chesapeake Overlook who were at Town Hall to discuss their prospective plans for the development. He also attended a meeting with representatives from the Perryville Volunteer Fire Department and Ralph Ryan, the Town Engineer, along with other staff to discuss infrastructure for Station 19 off of I-95. He received an email from Steve Jacobsen, the Vice President of Domestic Development for Great Wolf Resorts, updating him on the progress with construction and shared with him that Great Wolf Lodge was recently recognized by Newsweek magazine as one of the 100 most loved companies in the United States.

Public Safety -Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey stated that the Police Department has started the no-shave initiative for the month of November in partnership with the Cecil County Sheriff's Department to benefit the Boy's and Girl's Club of Cecil County. If you wish to donate the link will be posted on Facebook so that you can donate for that. Officer Speis and Pierson were recognized on October 19th with a MADD Award for their efforts in identifying and removing impaired/intoxicated drivers from the roads in Perryville and Officer Pierson was also recognized from the MD Highway Safety Office on October 24, 2021 for his performance in DUI enforcement for 2020. Commissioner Linkey attended an event at the Fire Company where her and Commissioner Aldridge were able to judge an adult costume contest at their bingo event.

Mayor Roath wanted to thank the Community Events Committee for their effort in putting together the Boo Bash, which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the weather. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the committee for the upcoming Christmas Parade and Christmas events along with future events.

Wastewater and Water Treatment Reports - Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor reported that the Wastewater and Water Plants were both in compliance with NPDES discharge for the month of September 2021 and October 2021 with the October lab results received-to-date. We had 11.6 million gallons of plant raw water monthly flow and 11.3 million gallons of plant finished water, at the wastewater plant an influent monthly flow of 18.41 and effluent monthly flow into the bay of 18.53 million gallons with the Veteran Center accounting for 5.68 million gallons of monthly flow. We are currently experiencing problems with our SBR mixers, the SBR mixer #2 was removed and sent out for repair and is to be returned this week and put back into service and SBR mixer #1 is tripping out multiple times

a day and an electrician is on-site today to determine what the issue is with that one. We have actually still been in compliance with our discharge permit, it just makes them a little less efficient. He wants to recognize Wastewater Operator Randy Taylor for passing the Class 4 Water License Certification test which is the second highest certification that you can get as a Water Plant operator.

Mayor Roath inquired if we had any issues with the significant events last week.

Commissioner Taylor responded that they did not have any spillage or overflow, everything was in our allowable limits.

Planning and Zoning Staff Report - Commissioner Aldridge

Commissioner Aldridge reported that she also attended the MML Conference from October 10th to the 12th in Ellicott City. Upon her return she attended the National Night Out which was a successful event and thanked the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Outreach Program for hosting that event which was very successful. We had the Maryland Five Star event the following weekend, along with a Planning Commission meeting for Tiki Lee's, where the concept plans were approved by the committee, so now we are waiting for that to go further. On the 25th there was a meeting to discuss the Chesapeake Overlook, Lot 5 and the possibilities for retail in that area and continued interest in coming to Perryville. As Commissioner Linkey mentioned earlier we had judged a costume contest at the Bingo event that they were holding at Minker Hall on October 30th. We are excited about the renewed interest for events in the Town of Perryville.

Public Works Report - Commissioner Snelling

Commissioner Snelling reported that he attended the Cecil/Harford Municipal League meeting on October 21st. Public Works assisted with the preparations for the annual "Boo Bash", which unfortunately got cancelled due to bad weather. Staff obtained quotes to possibly make use of the previous Outlet Mall sign. Employees flushed hydrants throughout Town, which is performed twice a year as maintenance. A contractor relined a section of wastewater main along a section of Susquehanna Avenue and Locust Street. Superintendent Ashford attended a meeting with the sanitary sewer line contractor, in regard to, the ongoing wastewater upgrade project, which is on a monthly basis. Staff worked during two heavy rain events. Commissioner Snelling wanted to make note that he noticed that some light posts were leaning along Roundhouse Drive and he had Superintendent Ashford contact Delmarva Power Company and they have taken care of the problem.

Mayor Roath stated that there was also one on Smith Lane that he noticed that you may want to make him aware of. He also questioned whether there was any significant damage done from the winds on Friday, to which Commissioner Snelling reported that there was not.

Treasurer's Report

The full Treasurer's Report will be on-line.

Police Report - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz reported that his full report can be found on-line as usual. Chief Nitz reported that as mentioned earlier we did not have the Boo Bash, however, several Town employees passed out goody bags from Town Hall and the Police Department, along with representatives from the Fire Department, who were posted at the New Victory church across the street from us. We had an in-kind donation of stuffed animals from a resident at Beacon Point, which are used as a means of comfort for children when the officers go to Foster Service and they have incurred some type of trauma. The Chief also reported that the mobile speed trailer was ordered today which we can pull data from, speeds, dates, and times.

Outreach Report - Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reiterated the fact that the National Night Out event went really well. It was almost a completely free event between grant funding and donations. She wanted to thank Wild Cat Point who were one of our big contributors. She also thanked Sue E's Legacy for adding to participating in the event, as well as the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Fire Department for their help in putting this event on. Ms. Jane stopped by and did a pumpkin lantern craft with the kids. We received a large donation of \$600 in toys from Mr. Tom Duffy for Christmas. We currently have 81 kids and climbing for Christmas this year, we are still getting donations and asking for communities to adopt families who are interested. We are hoping to get turkeys for Thanksgiving, however, we have been advised by Food Lion that getting turkeys because of the supply and demand may be a problem this year, so we may have to resort to getting other meats, possibly roasting chickens. We did receive word that we will receive the GOCCP grant funding which will cover Officer Warner's salary for the year.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired if they are still taking applications for families and when is the cutoff date for that.

Ms. Hemling responded that the cutoff date is the end of November, but with that being said, after that she cannot guarantee everything but can try to at least give out something. It is especially hard times for a lot of people right now and we are getting calls earlier and she is usually pushing 100 by mid-December and we are already at 81 and it the first week of November.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired where people can find the information to sign up.

Ms. Hemling responded that we have the forms posted on-line it on our Facebook page and we have them available at Outreach as well, and the school also sends it out and believes hands it out in classrooms as well. She commented that we can definitely use non-perishable items as well. As long as we can give people a turkey or chicken she is ok with that. The Outreach phone number is 410-642-6728 and my email address is dhemling@perryvillemd.org.

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Engineers Report-

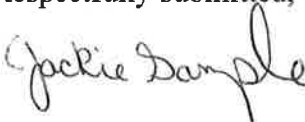
The Engineers will be available on-line.

From the Floor

There were no comments from the floor

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the November 2, 2021, Town Meeting at 7:24 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk

**Statement Regarding October 5, 2021 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
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On October 5, 2021, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:13 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 business water connection. (1) In addition to Mayor Roath, Commissioners: Linkey, Taylor, Snelling, and Aldridge, Assistant Town Administrator, Cathy McCardell, and Town Clerk: Tara Blevins attended the entire closed session.

Motion made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Mayor Roath to wait on litigation. **Four in Favor, 1 abstain** (Commissioner Taylor) : **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Mayor Roath and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn the October 5, 2021, Closed Session at 8:39 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

**Statement Regarding November 16, 2021 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
November 2, 2021 Town Meeting**

On November 16, 2021, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:01 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room in accordance with 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, to discuss possible bonus or compensation for an employee. In addition to Mayor Roath, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Commissioners: Linkey, Taylor, Snelling, and Aldridge, and Town Clerk: Jackie Sample attended the entire closed session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve a 5% bonus for an employee. **Four in Favor, 1 nay**(Mayor Roath: **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made to adjourn the November 16, 2021, Closed Session at 8:13 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

