



**TOWN MEETING**  
**August 10, 2023**  
**8:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:01 pm

**In attendance:** Mayor Munyeneh, Council Members Wade, Watson, Bryner, Garces, Fry  
Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

Staff: Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Interim Chief David Morris, Town Clerk Giselle Richards

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda made CM Wade. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Fry. Approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** (Town Meeting – 07/13/23, Work Session 07/27/23)
- **Grant Requests**
  1. VineCorps
  2. CAACO

Motion to approve consent agenda made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Wade. Approved unanimously.

**Resident Input-**

- Lucas Winston – Ward 2 – would like to bring attention to commercial vehicles parked in town and businesses advertising within town. Would like the town to enforce the code.
- Sophia Riazi-Sekowski- Ward 1 – Expressed disconcert regarding the town hosting the GIC meeting without the GIC.
- Dan Smith – Ward 1 – Would like the council to clarify the purpose of hiring the engineer that is being proposed to be hired by the town. Would like to include in the



7/26/23 work session minutes that Ms. Salo wanted to answer the allegations from that meeting.

- Sheila Salo – Ward 1 – expressed a cautionary tale about democracy and choices.
- Laila Riazi – Ward 1 – Would like to encourage members of the community to stay involved in town affairs. Disheartened that the GIC chair was removed and that her access to Zoom was revoked. Would like the town to continue to work with GIC for the sake of the town residents. Residents can follow the GIC at [www.greeninfrastructure.org](http://www.greeninfrastructure.org)
- Gabe Horchler- Ward 6 – Was optimistic after the last work session that the town and GIC were going to mediate but instead the town created another GIC meeting.

Mayor stated that every member of the GIC has access to the town's resources. The town did ask a representative of the GIC if there was going to be another chair for the meeting and was advised that there was no one else available to chair and that it was OK for CM Dalaker to chair the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Recreation Council –**

Chuck Hegeman – There will be a pickle ball tournament 9/17/23. There is still pickleball on Tuesday mornings and 2nd Friday evenings. Men's basketball Tuesday evenings. Will be at the Cheverly Market this weekend. Flea Market on 10/14/23. Halloween parade 10/28/23

### **Green Infrastructure Committee –**

Mayor Munyeneh reported on the GIC meeting. Tad Aburn updated on the work that was done regarding the air quality. An update from the Clean Water project was provided.

**Planning Board** – No report provided.

**Cheverly Day Committee** – No report provided.

**Board of Elections** – No report provided.

## **CPRC Grant Request –**

Carrie Weletz presented the grant request from the CPRC. Encourages residents to join CPRC members.



Motion to approve grant request from CPRC made by CM Wade. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.

**Action Items:**

- **\*Budget Amendment** – Town treasurer Lightfield presented the budget amendments for FY23.
- Increase - \$760,000 (Revenue) Bond Proceeds - PW Building
- Increase – \$25,000 (Expenditures) Red Light Camera Contractor
- Increase – \$75,000 (Expenditures) Administrative Salaries
- Increase – \$30,000 (Expenditures) Administrative Overtime
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Motion to approve the budget amendment request made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Wade. Approved unanimously.

- **\*Asphalt and Concrete Agreement from VMP Construction Company** – Director Brayman presented the agreement with VMP Construction. Recommends that the Mayor & Council approve the town administrator to execute the contract. Mayor Munyeneh asks to ensure VMP is going to honor the previous contract to complete repair work for previous jobs they have done.

Motion to authorize the town administrator to execute the asphalt contract with VMP pending the attorney's review with funds from FY24 budget and CDBG grant made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Wade. Approved unanimously.

Motion to update the agenda to move up the police report made by CM Wade. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.

- **\*Professional Consulting and Engineering Proposal**- Director Brayman gave an overview of the proposal from Messick & Associates for engineering services.

Motion to authorize the town administrator to enter a contract with Messick & Associates for consulting and engineering services upon review from town attorney made by CM Wade. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

**Town Administrator Report** – Presented by Town Clerk



- The Town of Cheverly will conduct a virtual community air quality meeting with the Maryland department of environment and Tad Aburn on Thursday August 17th 7-8pm. A news announcement has been sent out with information.
- We are working with Tia Blount to perform some community engagement sessions and a new survey for the development of the former Princes Georges County Hospital location. A news and announcement will go out soon with more information.
- WSSC will provide an update and answer questions about the extensive sewer Work in progress across Ward 3 Wednesday August 16, 2023, at Noon.
- Staff Shout Out – Director Brayman, Chief Morris, Captain Silvers, Town Clerk Richards PW Supervisor Cardenas and Chris Blegen CERT for doing such a great job in storm emergency preparations.
- Shout out to Officer Lambirth on planning a great National Night Out.

**Police Report** – Interim Chief Morris provided monthly report.

Administrative: Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Audits were conducted on the following:

- Hiring Background investigations
- Training Standards
- Administrative Records

Patrol:

- Officers focused patrol on response to calls for service, high visibility, community engagement, and traffic safety. Staffing remains an issue that precludes 24-hour response. PGPD responds to calls for service during those hours when Cheverly PD is unavailable.
- Community Policing: Public Safety Article §3-207 (E) requires agencies to submit an Annual Community Policing report for review by the Police Training and Standards Commission. Upon review, the Commission provides recommendations for the agency, if applicable. The town received a good review.

Training:

- Officers Lambirth and Hur are scheduled to attend a 2-day Commission sponsored program titled: Community Policing - Improving Police Efficacy and Building Trust.
- Acting Sergeant White is attending the Maryland Chiefs of Police (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) Aspiring Leaders Program



- The Town/PD has a recruit officer attending the Prince George's County Municipal Training Academy.
- Upcoming Community/PD Events:
  - National Night Out – August 1st – very successful event. Many thanks to all of the town staff and the mayor and council for attendance and support.
  - Cheverly Public Safety Day – Friday, September 15th – planning in progress.
  - Cheverly Prom - Saturday, September 23rd – PD will provide similar support as in years past.
  - Cheverly Day – Saturday, September 30th – Planning in progress – Town Manager and PD staff met with planners on August 2nd. PD is developing an operational plan which will be shared with all staff, as appropriate. The PD is also developing an addendum specific to public safety and potential exigent circumstances. This plan will be shared with PGPD District I, PGFD, and internally with CPD staff.

#### Staff Recognition:

- Police Chief, Town Manager, Mayor and Council – desire to recognize the life-saving efforts of one of our police officers. Officer Curtis was presented with a merit certificate for his life-saving skills performed that saved a life.

#### **Public Works Report** – Public Work Supervisor Cardenas provided a report:

- Preparations are being made to start asphalt and concrete work. The first roadway will be Lydell Road. Other projects planned are Monroe Alley Way, 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Parkway sidewalks, and the CDBG project on and around Newton Street and 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. We will also be trying to coordinate some work with the upcoming WSSC restoration work.
- The Eley Building permit process continues. Unfortunately, the Foundation to Grade Permit has not been issued to allow for mobilization. I am optimistic that it will be issued in the near future. In the interim, we are preparing to be able to store equipment at Hospital Hill and provide maintenance regarding grass and dumping. We are looking into blocking access to the various unused parking lots to help prevent dumping.

#### **Review of September town meeting agenda and future requests**

- Public hearing for traffic calming in Ward 1 and Ward 4
- Ethics board appointments
- Financial and audit update



- Capital investment program
- Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
- Meeting regarding meeting

#### **Mayor and Council Announcements –**

CM Wade –

- School is about to start, please pay attention and drive safely.
- Looking to host block party in conjunction with Ward 2 in Sept.
- Partnering with PG Sheriff's office to host donation box for dropping off school supplies.
- Pickleball tournament on 9/17/23

CM Bryner –

- WSSC meeting on 8/16/23

CM Fry –

- Thanks, Officer Curtis, for saving a life.
- Received good feedback regarding National Night Out and activities held at the Cheverly Station Apartments
- 8/20/23 backpack giveaway at Bladensburg Elem hosted by Council Member Ivey

Mayor Munyeneh – CAACO will host back to school backpack giveaway on 9/16/23.

Adjourn motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM by CM Wade. 2<sup>nd</sup> CM Garces. Approved unanimously.