

Town of Cheverly  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 13, 2020

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm in the Cheverly Community Center

In attendance: Mayor Riazi, Council Members Radloff, Bryner, Munyeneh, Garcia, Fry.  
Staff: Town Administrator, Mr. Galloway, Police Chief Towers, Director of Public Works, Mr. Brayman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Move Census Kick-off to 8.5 on the Agenda, after the Police Report and move the Census Update to immediately follow.

Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2020 and January 23, 2020 and Special Worksession on February 6, 2020: CM Garcia, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously

Motion to Excuse CM Watson: CM Bryner, seconded by CM Fry. Approved unanimously.

Proclamation Cheverly Wolverines 10 & U Soccer Team Championship

**Committee Reports**

Rec Council *Barbara Pejokovich* the Rec Council meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Conference room. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25. The Flea Market is the first weekend in April, tables are \$15. The Easter Egg Hunt the following weekend. If a high school senior would like to apply for a scholarship, they must volunteer for at least one Rec Council event.

Green Infrastructure *Shelia Salo* Please report your water woes problems on our easy to use survey at [www.Greencheverly.org](http://www.Greencheverly.org). Saturday, April 18, is the follow-up to our H2O Workshop last November. The speaker for that event will be a University of Maryland Faculty member.

Cheverly Day Committee *Megan Daly* Cheverly Day is 82 days away. Help celebrate our Town, visit [Cheverlyday.org](http://Cheverlyday.org) and “like” or Facebook page. We are looking for children between the ages of 8-14 years old to join the chorus that performs during the fireworks show. Our next meeting is February 26 at 7:30 pm. You can more information at [CheverlyDay.org](http://CheverlyDay.org) and our Cheverly Day Facebook page. Please send an email to [cheverlyday@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyday@gmail.com) if you would like to attend a meeting or to volunteer.

Planning Board *Mayor* focus is on zoning re-write process, the Planning Board will be sending recommendations to Mayor and Council. We have a hearing on March 23, 2020.

## **Police Report**

No uptick in crime; it's the second lowest year in the last five years. Quarterly meeting with businesses in Town. The next Coffee with the Chief is February 19 from 9:00– 11:00 am. We're continuing our Implicit Bias Training. The next training is March 10 from 7:30-9:30. We're looking into a rebate program for Ring and Nest cameras through the Police Department and PCAB. Code Red Alert System is for when there is an actual emergency in Cheverly.

Thomas Johnson II from Outreach and Programs for Prince George's County Office of Community Relations. 18 municipalities in Prince George's County received \$193,870 in Census funding. We are shooting for an 85% count rate. Over a 10-year period we've lost over \$363 million dollars. There are several events happening to promote Census participation. On March 20, we're hosting a Census Seniors Bingo at seven locations throughout the County for those 60 and up and March 23 thru March 27 will be Census Week at schools. There are only nine questions on the census and the Census is extremely important. March 12, the Census opens in 18 different languages and April 1 is the Official Opening Day.

*Mayor* Cheverly received a \$10,000 Census grant. We are looking for volunteers this Sunday at 2:30 for our Complete Count Committee (CCC.)

*CM Bryner* we've been meeting weekly and have had a good turnout. We need to establish a basis timeline plans for outreach. There are lots of ways to get involved. We are looking for representation in Ward 5.

Elanie Zamet from Senator Augustine's office. Spoke about District 47 Night in Annapolis which is a chance for you to meet and greet your elected officials. The State offers scholarships through The Maryland Higher Education Commission. You can email your elected official for the scholarships. Try to get the Senatorial scholarship which last for four years of school and there's also the Delegate Scholarship, which you must reapply for every year.

## **Public Works Report**

We would like to plant 1,000 or more trees in 10 years or less. Pepco took 94 trees and their bringing 94 trees back. We'll be sending out letters, we have about 152 spots that we've identified. We hope to have a meeting with our consulting Arborist which will be open to the public. We are also going to start a webpage with various tree list information. Would like to thank Nathan McElroy, an Arborist who has been extremely helpful. I hope to have a Master Street Tree Plan within a matter of years. If you have a question about trees, please call Public Works at (301) 773-2666.

*Mayor* we buy and plant trees for free in your yard. Spring is coming so take advantage of that.

## **Town Administrator Report**

Introduces two new employees, Tonya Jones the new Part-time Office Aide and John J. Rogers, the new part-time Code Compliance Officer.

Audit Report the 2018-2019 Audit is complete and will present to the Mayor and Council at the next Worksession. If you have any questions, please submit to me by the end of business on next Thursday.

Strategic Plan general ledger 01-06-1800 is funded at \$12,200 for both the Constituent Service Systems (CSS) and the Strategic Planning Retreat. Christine Becker and Associates would be the facilitator for the strategic plan and comes highly recommended from both the previous Interim Town Administrator and the Maryland Municipal League. Ms. Becker has submitted a draft timeline with a completion date of June 1, 2020.

Motion to Authorize the Town Administrator to Approve the Funding for a Professional Service: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Fry. Approved unanimously.

Cheverly Grant Acquisition submitted by the Cheverly Boys & Girls Club. They are seeking \$2000 to subsidize registration and uniforms. Motion to Approve Grant to the Cheverly Boys & Girls Club: CM Byner, seconded by CM Radloff. Approved unanimously.

Budget Amendment a recommendation to amend the budget for account 01-063000; Public Officials Liability to increase it to 56,000. Motion to Amend the Budget for \$56,000 for Account 01-63000: CM Bryner, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved unanimously.

**6301 Kilmer Neighborhood Design Center** *Mayor* engaged and approved expenditure for a park plan. We're scheduling a kick-off and it's looking like March 17 or 19. In April it will go into a community engagement process to discuss the options.

**Cheverly Dog Park** *Mayor* MNPPC inquired about purchasing the lot and assisting us with creating a dog park on the lot. I will call together a meeting with the dog park committee to bring everyone up to speed about what could be. There is money available to purchase forested land and we'd like to save our green space.

**Prince George's African American Museum and Culture Center** *Mayor* we'd be the first municipality to be a member of the museum. This will help tell the story of Cheverly and collecting oral histories. If you'd like to learn more, please attend the Black History Month Celebration on February 23 at 4:00 pm in the Community Center. Each and every resident of Cheverly is a member of the museum.

### **Council Announcements**

*CM Munyeneh* would like to bring a Motion for her to meet with her constituents the last Friday of every month at Town Hall. Motion to Allow to Individual Council Members to Reserve and Office Hour in Town Hall: CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved 4-1, CM Radloff dissented.

*CM Radloff* community awareness about gas leaks. If you smell gas or see bubbling in the street, your first call should be to 911 and then to Washington Gas's emergency leak line at 1-844-washgas.

*CM Fry* thank you to Mr. Galloway and Mr. Brayman for handling the pothole/sink hole in Ward 6 very quickly. Congrats to 10U Soccer Team. Boys and Girls Club Baseball season is under way at cheverlybgc.org. April 18 is Opening Day and was proclaimed Cheverly Baseball Day. March 1 there is a school information session being hosted by the CPRC.

*CM Garcia* read a statement complimenting CM Munyeneh.

*CM Bryner* acknowledged and thanked the Town Administrator who is the first Black Town Administrator for his service. PCAB Town Hall was really enlightening, they talked about Auto Theft. Come to our Census meetings.

Motion to Adjourn: CM Garcia, seconded by CM Bryner