



**TOWN MEETING  
February 9, 2023  
8:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

**In attendance: Mayor** Munyeneh, **Vice Mayor** Fry, **Council Members** Nettles, Watson, McCann, Dalaker, Garces

Town Attorney: Jason Deloach

Staff: Assistant to the Town Administrator -Priscilla Matthews, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Chief Carl Miller, Town Clerk Giselle Richards,

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the amended agenda: by CM McCann seconded by CM Dalaker.  
Approved unanimously.

Consent agenda removed.

**Move to move letter of support for Tropicana to number 13 on the agenda pending update from attorney made by CM Nettles. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson**

**Resident Input-**

- Ethan Sweep from Congressman Glenn Ivey's office introduced himself as the community liaison and offered support.
- Murry Williams House committee chair for PCAB advisory board introduced herself and offered support and invited anyone interested to reach out.
- Christopher -Ward 5 – Would like the town to evaluate the town park field for safety and any updates that would help.
- Mr. Todd Ward 1 – wanted to thank the town for their work to remedy the water woes on Laurel Ave



- Felicia Brown – Also thanking the town for working on water woes. Also, would like to know how to get the site number included based on the letter sent.

### Committee Reports

- Recreation Council – N/A
- Green Infrastructure Committee – Sheila Salo –
  - February is the Great Backyard Bird Count. Encourages residents to participate. [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) The Green Infrastructure Science Committee is also hosting nature hikes to coincide with the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- Cheverly Day Committee – CM Watson – Cheverly Day Committee is in the beginning stages of planning 2023 Cheverly Day. [www.cheverlyday.com](http://www.cheverlyday.com) for more information. Volunteers needed.
- Planning Board – Mayor Munyeneh –
  - Mr. Forman the representative for 5801 Arbor Street attend meeting to discuss request from owner wanting to keep current tenant. A list of better suited tenants was provided to them to comply with the code.
  - No updated on Claybrick Road project.
  - Discussed meeting with SHA and the county regarding Columbia Park Rd problems. The syncing of the lights was approved by the county and PEPCO
- Board of Elections – Robin Kay-
  - Election is coming up on May 1, 2023, 7am-8pm
  - Petitions, voter registrations Forms are available online, in person.
  - Nomination Petitions are due March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Mail in ballot request forms are available online or in person: Due April 24, 2023
  - Voter registration with the state is due by April 1
  - Voter registration drives: 3/4/23 @ Cheverly Station Apts, 3/25/23 @ Boyd Park
  - Working on process to provide voter registration data to candidates.
  - Still need one additional election supervisor

### Presentation-

- **Water Task Force** - Emily Clifton of LID Center presented the task force and how it can help residents by providing guidance on how to complete the letter and share their water woes.



- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader of Traffic Monitoring Ordinance 2023-01** - Mayor Munyeneh read Ordinance 2023-01
- **Ecosite Contract Renewal** – Director Brayman presented an updated contract to renew and continue working with Ecosite.
  - Requests for council to approve a 2-year contract instead of a 1-year contract.
  - CM McCann requests a scope of work. Director Brayman stated that it's more of an open contract for Mr. Clarr to work on various projects with the town within the price of the contract.
  - Town Administrator Galloway recommends the council go with 2-year contract.
- **LIDC Contract Renewal** - Director Brayman presented an updated contract to renew and continue working with LIDC.
  - Director Brayman would like council to consider renewing this contract for 2 years.
  - Town Administrator Galloway recommends the council go with 2-year contract.
  - Town Administrator Galloway recommends that the council adopt both Ecosite and LIDC contract.

Motion to amend LIDC contract for 2 years made by CM Dalaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM McCann. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Ecosite and LIDC contract for 2 years made by CM Dalaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

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- **Town Administrator Report** –
  - Town submitted a fact sheet for public works building for \$3million from the general assembly.
  - Met with MDE regarding Booms and smells to schedule another community meeting. Will post once scheduled.
  - MML Summer conference is coming. Asks Mayor and council to let town clerk know if you plan to attend.
  - Ms. Yvonne White presented an update regarding the Cheverly Youth Council and upcoming events.

Move to adopt town administrator's recommendation to consider an increase in council member compensation to \$7,000 for council members & \$8,500 for mayor via an ordinance and to have the compensations reviewed every 5 years by staff made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM



Garces. **Yes** – CM Nettles-Simpson, CM Dalaker, CM Garces, CM Fry. **Opposed** CM Watson, CM McCann 4-2

Motion to table previous motion made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

- **Police Report** – Chief Miller gave monthly report.
- **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman provided an update on the Department of Public Works.

Motion to send a support the letter as long as Tropicana has reached out to Radiant Valley homeowners association made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Fry

Representative from Radiant Valley President Smalls came to oppose the letter of support for a liquor license for Tropicana from the town due to various issues/concerns surrounding Tropicana owner.

Town administrator requests that the council remain mute regarding Tropicana until he conducts and investigation on the allegations that President Smalls has brought forth.

- **Review of February work session agenda and future requests**
  - Redistricting on March town meeting
  - Council compensation discussion and 1<sup>st</sup> reader
  - Traffic Safety around St Ambrose & Spellman Elementary on Joslyn St
  - CM Garces requests PEPCO representative regarding meter readings
  - Oxford properties update – Closed session
- **Mayor and Council Announcements –**
  - CM Dalaker – Ward 4 Civic association meeting on 3 Mondays open to members of all wards but only Ward 4 members may vote.
  - CM McCann – St Ambrose spaghetti dinner 2/22/23
  - Mayor – Women’s Club & CAACO Black History Event 2/25, State of Cheverly address on 3/6/23

Adjourn motion to adjourn at 10:57 pm by CM Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> CM McCann. Approved unanimously.