



TOWN MEETING
February 8, 2024
8:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

In attendance: Vice Mayor Fry, Council Members Wade, Watson, Bryner, Dalaker

Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to excuse Mayor Munyeneh from the meeting, made by CM Bryner. 2nd CM Garces. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes (Town Meeting -1/11/24, Work Session 1/25/24)

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Dalaker. 2nd by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

Resident Input-

Mathew Wells - Ward 1 – Expressed concerns regarding the Hospital Hill development. Does not agree with the opening of the roads for walking or driving to the new development. Asks that the town hold a town hall meeting without the developer in attendance. Suggested that a playground be built instead of opening the road.



Sheila Salo – Ward 2 - Would like to remind everyone about the Great Backyard Bird Count happening between 2/16/24 & 2/19/24. The two hikes open to the public on 2/17/24 & 2/18/24 will be at Nature Park & Woodworth Trail.

For more information call 301-341-1261 or email matttsalo@gmail.com

Committee Reports

Recreation Council – No report provided.

Planning Board – CM Bryner -Meeting resumed this week. Requests guidance from the town for what planning board recommendations.

Cheverly Day Committee – Monthly meetings have resumed. The date for Cheverly Day 2024 is Saturday, September 28th.

Board of Elections – No report provided.

Cheverly Youth Council –

Youth Coordinator Yvonne White presented what the Youth Council entails.

Motion to appoint Clayton Felder for Ward 2 and Indigo Nembhard as Advisor to the Cheverly Youth Council made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Wade. Approved unanimously.

Swearing In of Police Officers – Vice Mayor Fry administered Oath of Office for Officers Don Walden & DeSoto Samuel Jordan III

Grant Request – Mayor & Council were presented with more information for the Cheverly Gives Back grant request.

Motion to approve the grant request in the amount of \$2000 from Cheverly Gives Back made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Wade. Approved Unanimously.

Proclamations – Vice Mayor Fry will read the following proclamations:

- Black History was read by CM Wade
- Honoring the life of Navy Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Christopher Chambers was read by Chief Morris

Council Compensation Schedule -Ordinance 2023-04 – Final reader and adoption of the ordinance to update the compensation schedule for the Mayor & Council from quarterly to biweekly to align with staff payroll.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-04 made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously.



Town Administrator Report – Town Clerk read the Town Administrators monthly report.

- Collaborating with a traffic engineer to offer guidance on the traffic analysis for the Hospital Hill development and to provide Mayor & Council with a Fiscal Impact Study
- Council Member Wade is coordinating efforts with the Cheverly Native Planting Project and Diane Beedle to clean up the lot at 5701 Landover Road.
- The town has successfully completed our state retirement and pension audit.
- The new ethics board will convene on February 12, 2024, at 7 PM
- The Home Team 5 development presentation has been posted online.
- Pepco has informed the town that the lights along the Columbia Park Road corridor will be operational by the close of business tomorrow.
- Amazon has addressed and fixed the gate to prevent foot traffic in the old Fourth Ward.
- Town staff recently met with US senators' staff regarding congressional earmarks. Our priority this year will be seeking funds for the bike trail on Route 201.
- The Mayor and TA met with government representatives from Metro, who assured us that updates will be provided as necessary, trash will be taken care of, and lights will be on to ensure pedestrian safety in the area.
- Mr. Eversten from Municipal Solutions will be attending a town meeting soon to provide the salary analysis to the Mayor and Council.
- All documents have been submitted to the auditor to complete the FY 23 audit.

Police Report – Chief Morris provided a monthly report.

- Two newly hired officers graduate from the Comparative Compliance course hosted by the Maryland Police Training & Standards Commission (MPT&SC)
- Staff have engaged in preliminary conversation that will permit our officers to work more closely with PGPD investigators.
- Portable speed cameras are now situated on Landover Road. The public announcement was posted On February 1st in a newspaper of general circulation, commencing the required warning period. This information was also posted to the Town website. The Town will begin issuing violation notices for captured violations effective February 19th, 2024.
- The Department initiated the process to obtain a traffic study for red light automated enforcement on Columbia Park Road for the interchanges with RT 50 and the intersection with 64th Ave. Once this process is completed, the Department will file the permit application with the State Highway Administration, District 3 Office to move forward with this ASE effort.



- On Saturday, February 3rd, the Department monitored a planned protest in the Town. Approximately 40 people arrived to participate. The event was peaceful and occurred without incident.
- Officers continued to conduct business checks on all businesses inside the town limits. Officers also engaged in functions at Gladys's Noon Spellman Elementary School.
- Steering wheel locks are available at Cheverly Police Station. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis until the inventory has been depleted.

Police Vehicles - Chief Morris presented an overview of our current vehicle fleet and proposed recommendations to the Mayor and Council for new fleet options.

- Four (4) 2023 vehicles are currently being upfitted for service, 3 marked and 1 unmarked.
- All vehicles currently in service are assigned to existing personnel, excepting 1 marked and 1 unmarked pool vehicle.
- Eight (8) vehicles are currently deadlined for pervasive mechanical and/or electrical issues.
- Two vehicles currently assigned are scheduled for deadline.
- Mayor & Council will consider the

Public Works Report – Director Brayman provided a report:

- PEPCO contractors will be conducting a survey to evaluate the coating condition and effectiveness of the corrosion mitigation systems on underground equipment beginning February 12, 2024, and lasting approximately one week, weather permitting, in the following areas:
 - Cheverly Ave from Landover Road to Cheverly Circle
 - Cheverly Circle from Cheverly Ave to Park Way
- WSSC: compaction report update - We sent an email to the General Manager asking for assistance, they replied that they will look into this. WSSC did begin restoration work for one leaking trench on Parkway, likely groundwater. WSSC has not replied with global response to areas with sub-standard compaction reports
- Eley Building: Geo-pier construction continues. Operation is relatively quiet. Construction fencing will need to be pushed out due to geo-pier and corner footer installation and other unforeseen conditions, including unknown storm drain. The project needs to remove substantial amounts of asphalt, resulting in PW vehicles not having access to the yard for approx. 4 weeks resulting in limited parking in the lower lot, and the closing of the EV stations.



Review of February work session agenda and future requests

- FY23 Audit presentation
- Conversation regarding voting for access roads from town to Hospital Hill development.
- Feral cats
- Women's History Month Proclamation
- Ready Mix Cement Plant near Cheverly
- Establish a temporary Environmental work group to make recommendations on developments around the town
- Homestead tax credit

Mayor and Council Announcements –

CM Wade – Cheverly Ward 1 clean up at 57th Ave and Landover Rd in partnership with Cheverly Native Plant 2/24/24. Look for Black History Month events from Women's Club & CAACO. Another fatal pedestrian accident on Rt 202.

CM Dalaker – Ward 4 Civic Association meetings on 3rd Mondays of the month. Safety reminder regarding plaster ceilings collapses.

CM Bryner – Pedestrian safety warning. Ward 3 residents can reach out to CM Bryner regarding Hospital Hill development. Call out to elected leaders to request cease fire of war in Gaza.

CM Fry – Mount Hope Commissions Black History Event 2/10/24 via Zoom. Welcome to our new Youth Council Members and our 2 new police officers. Happy Lunar New Year.

CM Garces – Thanks to staff. Shout out to Cheverly Station Apartment Management for continuing working with the town and providing service to their residents.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.