

Town of Cheverly  
**Meeting Minutes**  
June 11, 2020

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm via Zoom.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Move Town Seal above item #5 and reverse item #6 and item #7.

**Motion to Change Agenda:** CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved unanimously.

**Motion to Approve Minutes from May 14, 2020 and May 28, 2020:** CM Fry, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

Residents spoke about the removal of the picture of Mount Hope (former slave plantation) from the Town Seal. 19 residents spoke in favor of removing the image, no one spoke in favor of keeping it. The current owners of Mount Hope, the house pictured on the Town Seal also spoke in favor of changing it.

**Motion to Remove Mount Hope from the Town Seal Immediately:** CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Garcia. Unanimously approved.

**Resident Input**

Several residents spoke about the Police verbiage in the Newsletter, policing, and police activity. Residents also recognized all the hard work and contributions that went into making the Cheverly Graduates gift bags.

**Resolution for Black Lives** – Mayor read the resolution. CM Bryner did not support the resolution as there were no specific actions tied to it. CM Fry would like something more concrete as well.

**Prince George's Elected Municipal Women** – Mayor discusses and requests action to respond to the eviction crisis which is a result of COVID-19. Evictions are scheduled to resume on July 25 and families are still unemployed. Mayor receives the full support of the Council on addressing this and other housing issues arising from the pandemic.

## **Committee Reports**

Green Infrastructure *Shelia Salo* discussed the Town Park redesign and the Low Impact Development Center survey online. Please go to [lowimpactdevelopment.org/TownPark](http://lowimpactdevelopment.org/TownPark) to take the survey.

Planning Board *Margaret MacDonnell* discussed proposed membership document and the addition of the inclusionary statement.

**Town Administrator's Report** – Administrator Galloway gives his bi-weekly COVID-19 Report. On June 17, at 5:00 pm Town Parks and fields will open to fitness and low-impact sports with social distancing only, social gatherings are still prohibited. All Blood Drive time slots have been filled. The Town's grant request (not to exceed \$394,000) for corona virus relief funds has been approved.

**Public Works COVID-19 Report** – Director Brayman updates Mayor and Council on Public Works staff schedule and PPE equipment.

**Budget Amendment** to purchase and install cameras in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward for the safety and security of residents. Administrator Galloway recommends moving forward with the purchase of two cameras at a cost of \$7,200 each.

**Motion to Purchase Security Cameras for \$14,500 for the Top of Trent Street:** CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Town Administrator Report** continued - Mr. Galloway created an ad hoc committee to discuss the Washington Gateway Project. Paychex will be the Town's new payroll provider. Town purchased all the air quality monitors recommended by University of Maryland. Mr. Galloway executed the Community Development Block Grant agreement with Prince George's County and is requesting Mayor and Council to move forward with a vote of support.

**Motion to Lend Documented Support for Putting Our Numbers in for the CDBG Block Grant:** CM Watson, seconded by CM Fry. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Police Report** – Chief Towers gives his report detailing crime increase/decrease to Mayor and Council.

**Public Works Report** – Director Brayman discusses trees, stump grinder, storage tank removal and the new Public Works building.

**Budget Ordinance** – Mayor does Final Read of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

**Motion to Adopt the Budget, Ordinance 0-02-20:** CM Watson, seconded by CM Radloff. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Deferred Compensation** - Town Treasurer, Mrs. Friesen details the deferred compensation policy and recommendations to Mayor and Council.

**Motion to Cap Deferred Compensation at 15% of Salary:** CM Radloff, seconded by Munyeneh. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Pride Month Proclamation** – CM Radloff discusses Pride month and raising of the Pride Flag on Sunday, June 21.

**Motion to Approve Pride Month Proclamation:** CM Radloff, seconded Fry. Approved unanimously. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Juneteenth Proclamation** – CM Munyeneh reads the Proclamation.

**Motion to put forth Proclamation from Mayor and Council for Juneteenth:** CM Munyeneh, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote.

**Proclamation for 2020 Graduates** – Mayor reads Proclamation that designated June 7, 2020 as the Unstoppable Class of Cheverly 2020 Grads Day.

#### June 25 Worksession Items

Administrator Galloway: underground storage tank update and the Washington Gateway Presentation

CM Watson: the second draft of Rules and Procedures.

CM Fry: draft of Social Media Policy and/or a communications policy. News and Announcements policy? Do we want all of it under one “communications policy” umbrella?

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

CM Munyeneh read a prepared statement about the recent Central Park birdwatching incident.

CM Watson apologized for his Make Cheverly Great Again statement when he was campaigning for Council.

Mayor apologized for wanting to have a Town Seal discussion meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** CM Fry, seconded by CM Watson. Approved unanimously. CM Garcia not in the room for the vote nor was CM Bryner.

**12:31 am**