

Town of Cheverly
Worksession Minutes
May 28, 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, Director of Public Works - Mr. Brayman, Code Compliance Officer – John O’Berry, Town Treasurer- Melanie Friesen and Town Clerk - TC Hegeman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Ordinance Second Reader

Administrator Galloway gives and over of the FY 2021 Budget

Variance CM Watson details the fence variance request for the Murray residence located on Carlyle Street. Mr. O’Berry gives additional information about the fence.

Motion to Approve Special Exception to Allow Fence at 5-foot setback from Valley Way sidewalk and at a maximum height of 4 feet: CM Watson, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved unanimously.

WSSC presentation about future sewer rehabilitation project expected to begin in June 2021 and last for one year.

Grant Request – Cheverly Market

Kate Duis elaborates on the grant request of \$2,000 and how it will help food and nutritional recipients utilize their benefits at the market.

Motion to Support Grant Request for the Cheverly Community Market for \$2,000: CM Bryner, seconded by CM Radloff. Approved unanimously.

Proclamation on Gun Violence Awareness Day Cindy Nell explains why this is important. Mayor reads the proclamation which is in support of keeping residents safe from gun violence.

Motion to Move Forward with Mayor and Council Proclaiming the First Friday in June 2020 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day: CM Fry, seconded by CM Garcia. Approved unanimously.

2020 Pride Month CM Radloff discusses various pride events and is looking forward to the June flag raising.

Planning Board Margaret MacDonnell details the formal membership process. The Mayor and Council would then vote on the potential Planning Board member. The Planning Board would like to get on the Worksession Agenda two or three times a year to discuss potential concerns.

Intro to Rules and Procedures CM Bryner and CM Watson discuss the draft in detail including adding Agenda items and the timely distribution of the Agenda. They explained the desire for a Consent Calendar for specific actions to create a level of transparency. They also discussed a resident input option after every agenda item for both types of meetings.

Joyce Jones (Ward 2) decorum should be expounded upon in the draft and include consequences for repeated decorum violations. I am also concerned that the Town Administrator has authority equal to an elected official and that contradicts the Town's Charter. I think the formation of a work group/advisory board of residents is a good idea.

Steve Jones (Ward 2) better descriptions needed for Special Meetings. Public input needs to be improved. The authority granted to the Town Administrator is similar to elected officials.

CM Watson would like to discuss the revisions of the draft document at the June Worksession, if possible. If the Mayor and Council approve, we then send it to the Town Attorney.

COVID-19 Report Administrator Galloway gives his report and references Governor Hogan and County Executive Angela Alsobrooks direction regarding reopening. All Town owned parks, playgrounds, equipment, and fields are closed. We have applied for \$394,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds so we can be reimbursed for related expenditures. There will be a Blood Drive at Town Hall on June 17 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please email if you would like to volunteer.

Cheverly Graduation – Mayor discusses options for recognizing and celebrating Cheverly graduates. Council supports using the sign near Legion Park to congratulate graduates and the Mayor issuing a Proclamation recognizing June 7 in Celebration of Cheverly 2020 Graduates.

Motion to Adjourn: CM Fry, seconded by CM Munyeneh

Mayor I forgot to see if anyone else has any questions.

CM Fry do you want me to withdraw my motion?

Mayor yes, please.

Withdraw Motion to Adjourn: CM Fry, seconded by CM Munyeneh

Motion to Adjourn: CM Fry, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved unanimously.

11:12 pm