

Town of Cheverly  
Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

Call to Order

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

In attendance: CMs, Riazi, Ivey, Stewart and MacKenzie

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation – Volunteer Award and Jack Wheat Award

Mayor presented the Volunteer Award to Susan Pruden and the Save the Woods Group. The Jack Wheat Award was given to Michael Green of the Cheverly Sanitation Crew.

Agenda/Approval/Changes

Minutes – Town Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 5/10/18

Approved

Minutes – Worksession \_\_\_\_\_ 5/24/18

Approved

- CM MacKenzie Motion to excuse CM Eldridge and Garcia. Seconded CM Stewart. Approved 4-0.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Warrington hopefully we will have air conditioning on Monday. We had the electrician in on Friday to do the wiring for the new lobby doors and the FOB person should be in on Monday to finish it up. The pavilion for Town Park has been ordered and we expect the Multi-Use Court and Pavilion to be installed by the end of July. At Boyd Park we have started a Chesapeake Bay Project to catch and filter the water before it enters the creek. We have had delays caused by the County, but we should be cleared to begin the work next week.

CM MacKenzie will the handicapped access button also be coming?

Mr. Warrington yes it is coming.

Chief's Report

Chief Robshaw the Advisory Board has established leadership and committees for their operations. The next street meets will probably be at the Market. Team Cheverly is in operation and it shows the kind of partnership we are looking for as it has resulted in the apprehension of a couple of suspects committing crimes in Cheverly. We are working with SHA regarding the improvement of pedestrian crossings at Arbor Street and Cheverly Avenue. Finally, we currently have 3 officers in academies and we should see them on the street in the near future.

Mayor do you ever get laterals from the sign out on Cheverly Avenue? I see we do a lot of housechecks and we are issuing more warnings than citations.

Chief Robshaw yes sometimes we get interest from laterals. We do allow officers to use their discretion when it comes to writing a ticket rather than a warning. Our housechecks are now computerized which makes us much more efficient in performing this regularly.

#### Recreation Council

No Report

#### Green Infrastructure Committee

Sheila Salo we are asking folks to report to us at [www.greencheverly.com](http://www.greencheverly.com) where Bamboo is located. The committee has recommended the Chestnut Oak as the Town Tree and the May Apple as the Town flower as they are abundant in the Cheverly area. We are encouraging Cheverly residents to become Baywise Maryland Yardstick certified. Go to our website to find the information to get your yard certified. We will have information at the Community Market.

#### Cheverly Day Committee

Mayor the Cheverly Day Committee is now relaxing.  
Planning Board Report

Mayor the Planning Board did not have a quorum Tuesday, but June 6<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the RFP for the Pointe location. I am working with the RDA to get you a copy of the submission.

#### Citizen Input

#### Adoption O-3-18 Ethics Section Amendment

Mr. Warrington the Maryland General Assembly places certain requirements on elected officials throughout the State. When they make changes during the legislature, we must incorporate those changes into our local laws. The Ordinance being adopted tonight does that in order to bring us into compliance.

- CM Ivey Motion to adopt O-3-18 Amending the Ethics Section. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 4-0.

#### Adoption OB-1-18 FY19 Operating Budget and C.I.P and Tax Rate

Mr. Warrington Adopting this Ordinance will mean we are adopting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

CM MacKenzie we changed our salary schedule as part of this budget so that no new employees will be starting at a salary that is less than \$15 per hour. It is exciting.

CM Ivey I want to commend previous councils, residents and my colleagues for their commitment to working together to address previous shortfalls and staying true to the commitment to bring taxes back down. We actually have a small reduction in taxes this year from the previous year.

CM Stewart we are going to get software to allow us to serve our constituents better. Also, I want to note that we will be matching our employee's 401K contributions.

Mayor there have been constant improvements in the Town over the past years. We have to cover our operating expenses and then we have Capital projects. There are projects like streets and sidewalks, which may not be very exciting but are

essential to our community. We have plans to upgrade the playground at Woodworth Park and make it accessible. We have been very successful because of the efficiency of the operation of our Town. Most of our operating expenses go to feet on the street. There is not a lot of overhead with our operations. I have researched and found that our Town compared to others we are in the lower 5%. Thank you Mr. Town Administrator.

• CM Riaz Motion to adopt OB-1-18 for the FY19 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. Seconded CM Stewart. Approved 4-0.

#### Mayor and Council Announcements

CM MacKenzie The first Farmer's Market will be Saturday. CPRC is collecting different products for children who will not have access to food during the summer from Gladys Noon Spellman. We are close to curbside composting so please sign-up for that as we are 10 people away from 100.

CM Riaz schools are closing and pedestrian traffic will increase so please be careful when driving.

CM Stewart we had a Cheverly booth at the MML Conference and I thank CM MacKenzie for working with me on that. On Saturday there will be a Juneteenth celebration at Boyd Park as it is an emancipation day or freedom day celebration. There will be food and dancing.

CM Ivey on June 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an event called adoptions forever. There will be a picnic and we encourage folks to come out and support this worthy issue.

Mayor The Worksession will be next Thursday for personnel availability purposes. For the Worksession we have the following items: Discussion – Police Hiring Incentives, Discussion – Building Use Requirements, MML Convention Review, Bamboo legislation, An Employee Survey, and Curbside Composting.

#### Town of Cheverly Summary of Action June 14, 2018

- MOTION CM MacKenzie Motion to excuse CM Eldridge and Garcia. Seconded CM Stewart. Approved 4-0.
- CM Ivey Motion to adopt O-3-18 Amending the Ethics Section. Seconded CM Riaz. Approved 4-0.
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