

Town of Cheverly
Town Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:16 pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Mayor Riazi, Council Members Radloff, Watson, Bryner, Munyeneh, Garcia, and Fry. Staff: Town Administrator – Dylan O. Galloway, Director of Public Works - Steve Brayman, Chief of Police - Jarod J. Towers, Town Treasurer – Melanie Friesen, Code Compliance Officer – John J. Rogers and Town Clerk - TC Hegeman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: #14 is two items. #14 should be LIDC and #15 should be the Craftsman Building.

Approval of Minutes (October 8 and October 22, 2020): Approved with correction. The October 8, 2020 minutes state that CM Bryner made the Motion to Adjourn and the second. The minutes should have reflected that CM Munyeneh seconded the motion.

Resident Input

Residents expressed their concern about bushes, dirt and freedom of speech displays. A resident inquired about a speed camera on the south side of Cheverly Avenue.

Committee Reports

Green Infrastructure Committee *Shelia Salo* spoke about the Air Quality monitors and explained how residents can participate by hosting sensors, please contact Karen Mo if interested. She also discussed the Cheverly Town Park redesign and the 6301 Kilmer Park survey results which can be accessed at [www. Greencheverly.org](http://www.Greencheverly.org).

Planning Board *CM Radloff* per Margaret MacDonnell will consider a vote for Barbara Brown joining the planning board.

Town Administrators Report Administrator Galloway gave his bi-weekly COVID-19 report, detailed COVID-19 purchases, installations and completion date time frames. He also told mayor and council about the December 28 Blood Drive.

NLC (National League of Cities) Joshua Beppler spoke about the mailer to residents and the partnership with Cheverly. He elaborated on the coverage offered to Cheverly residents.

Police Report Chief Towers discussed Covid-19 projects that will keep staff and the public safe. He also spoke about the two additional message board trailers that will have radar and speed

monitoring capabilities. The next Crime Report will be in January 2021 as the reports are now quarterly.

Public Works Report Director Brayman discussed sidewalks, tree plantings (both public and private) and the underground storage tank. He detailed the process for removing the tanks and the fact that the lower parking lot will be inaccessible to staff and the public while the work is being completed.

Introduction of new Town Attorneys Administrator Galloway introduced Jason Deloach and Todd Pounds of Alexander and Cleaver Law Firm. Mr. Deloach spoke about his experience and Mr. Pounds experience as Mr. Pounds was not present.

Non-Citizen Voting Final Reader some residents spoke in favor of passing the amendment while another resident spoke in favor of a Referendum.

The Mayor closed the hearing on the Non-Citizen Voter Charter Amendment at 9:30 pm. CM's Garcia, Munyeneh, Bryner and Fry read prepared statements in support of the amendment. CM Radloff expressed the views of his constituents that the community should vote on this.

Town Attorney DeLoach spoke about eh voter list and its use/distribution. It is a crime in Maryland to use the list for anything other elections.

Motion to Adopt Charter Amendment Resolution R-04-20 Amending Article 5 of the Town Charter to Provide for Non-Citizen Voting and Establishing a Supplementary Voter Registry: CM Garcia, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved by CM Watson, Bryner, Garcia, Munyeneh and Fry. CM Radloff abstained.

Application for liquor licenses for Tropicana and Super Fuego Code Compliance Officer Rogers explained the specifics in detail. Tropicana is still in violation and will not get a liquor license. Super Fuego is not petitioning for a liquor license. However, Soul Banquet Hall LLC trading as VIP Stage is applying for a liquor license. VIP Stage and Super Fuego are connected by an interior hallway.

Motion to Support the Town Opposing Soul Banquet Hall LLC trading as VIP Stage Application for Liquor License: CM Watson, seconded by CM Fry. Approved unanimously.

Second Quarter Budget Review Town Treasurer, Melanie Friesen reviewed and gave an update to Mayor and Council on the budget.

Mayor when do we need to do a budget amendment for COVID-19 line items?

Treasurer Friesen we would need budget amendments in late January early February for COVID-19 reimbursements. That is when we will have our reimbursements in from the county.

Diane Mock of Bridgett, Mock & Associates spoke about the process and progress. They are still waiting on a report from Maryland State Retirement Agency on LEOPS so the Town will know its outstanding liability. Mock & Associates will draft a financial statement for the town.

Craftsman Update Attorney Andre Gringles representing Atapco spoke about the Craftsman building and easement.

Low Impact Design Center (LIDC) Presentation on Town Park Emily Clifton gave a PowerPoint presentation about Town Park and discussed the plans and storm water needs.

Extension of Vacation Leave Accrual in COVID-19* Administrator Galloway explained the need for a Resolution to extend the use-or-lose vacation policy for employees. Employees have not taken leave as a result of COVID-19 and should not lose their accrued leave.

Motion to Approve Vacation Leave Accrual Resolution: CM Radloff, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

Review of December Town Meeting agenda and future requests
December 3 Board of Election Charter Amendments Public Hearing

December 10

Traffic Analysis

Metro presentation (cutback & solar lights)

Storm water drain

Planning Board nomination (Barbara Brown)

Public Works scope study

First Reader for Board of Elections

RDA hotel development presentation

New Board of Education member

Shayla Adams-Stafford

No November Worksession

Mayor and Council Announcements

CM Munyeneh 4th Ward Civic Association meeting is on Monday.

CM Watson Veteran's Day's activities on Wednesday, November 11

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

12:10 am

