



TOWN MEETING
October 12, 2023
8:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm

In attendance: Mayor Munyeneh, Council Members Wade, Watson, Bryner, Dalaker, Garces, Fry
Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

Staff: Town Administrator Galloway, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Interim Chief David Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made CM Fry 2nd by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** (Town Meeting – 9/14/23, Work Session - 9/28/23, Public Hearing 9/14/23)
- **Approval of Grant** – Cheverly Native Planting Project

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

Resident Input-

Sheila Salo – Ward 2 – Presented recommendations from the Green Infrastructure Committee regarding Stream Restoration work at Red Maple Run in Cheverly East Park.

- Plant surplus trees
- Request details of the maintenance program
- Request post construction educational signage

Karlos Silbiger – Ward 4 – Requests that the town do something to escalate the Columbia Park between 64th Ave and the METRO gets the much-needed attention to make it safer.



Karen Moe – Ward 1 – Sent an email to CM Wade regarding the recent proposed update to volunteer committees. Requests that volunteer stakeholders are included in conversations before a final decision.

Mathew Malone – Ward 1 – Petition for speed bumps on Lake Ave between was submitted in May 2023. Emphasized that the main problem on the block is speeding and would like the petition to have further discussion regarding more improvement beyond what was recommended by the engineer.

Lillian Wilson – Ward 4 – Expressed condolences to the family and friends of Robin McClain. Presented books and bookcase to the Cheverly Station Apartments resident space.

Hugh Fike – Ward 4 - Would like to express concerns regarding the uptick in crime in the town. Would like the town council to seriously consider bringing 24hr policing to the town.

Laila Riazi – Ward 1 – Would like the mayor & council to take a better look at how the volunteer-based community organizations are included in the town. Requests more transparency from the town to allow residents to engage.

Sarah – Expressed concern at the rise in crime within the town and lack of communication from the town regarding the crime. Not in favor of building out youth activities or Ring camera rebates.

Fred Price – Ward 4 – Reiterated that residents should call 311 to report items and would like the town to run this information on the town cable channel. States that residents should attend work sessions to have longer time to express their concerns.

Committee Reports

Recreation Council – CM Wade mentioned a successful pickleball tournament. 10/14/23 Rec Council Flea Market, 10/28/23 Halloween Parade

Planning Board – No report provided. Mayor Munyeneh thanks the Planning Board for their input regarding bike trails.

Cheverly Day Committee – Nick D’Angelo thanks everyone who contributed to the success of Cheverly Day 2023. Special thanks committee members, Dave & Casey Kneipp, Gary & Joni Beal, Pat Nelson, Micah Watson, Laila Riazi, Karlo Silbiger, Aime Olivo, Mike Callahan. Town Administrator Dylan Galloway Cheverly Public Works, Cheverly CERT, and Cheverly Police.

Board of Elections – No report provided.



2. **Proclamation** – Mayor Munyeneh read the Indigenous People Proclamation
3. **Special Proclamation** – Mayor Munyeneh read proclamations celebrating Gabriel “Gabe” Horchler & Velinda “Ms. Vee” Mays Carter as the volunteers of the year.
Mayor Munyeneh read a proclamation in honor of Former Council Member Jennifer Garcia as a public servant.
4. ***R-6-23 Ethics Commission** – Mayor Munyeneh read the resolution appointing the new ethics commission members.

Motion to adopt resolution R-6-23 made by CM Fry. 2nd by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously

5. ***Donation Request** – Mr. Galloway presented his recommendation to support the donation request from the Bladensburg Fire Department for a new vehicle.

Motion to adopt the town administrator’s recommendation to donate \$10,000 to the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department made by CM Watson. 2nd by CM Garces. Approved Unanimously

Town Administrator Report –

Tentative Community Air Pollution & Noise Meeting with MDE 11/2/23 @ 7pm

Cheverly led community survey meeting 10/18/23.

Comcast cable channel has been resolved.

Council Retreat either 1/19-1/20/24 or 1/26-1/27/24 pending mayor & council’s availability

Request approval to give a bonus of \$500 each to the two employees who received the Jack L. Wheat award on Cheverly Day 2023.

Public Safety Meeting 10/19/23

Motion to approve the bonuses of \$500 each for the two recipients of the Jack L. Wheat award (Ahjah Prom and Josue Cardenas) made by CM Fry. 2nd by CM Garces. Approved Unanimously

CM Fry would like a WSSC representative to come to address the damage that is left upon completion of their work.

Police Report – Chief Morris

- **10/5/23** Vandalism to auto on Cheverly Ave with ballistic under investigation by PG Police dept.
- **10/8/23** Gunshot wound on 2700 Block of Cheverly Ave being investigated by PG Police Dept. Victim will survive and creditable information about the suspect has been provided. The victim is not a Cheverly resident.
- Set expectations of how information can be provided to the Mayor & Council and the public in an ongoing investigation.
- Cheverly Police have access to Cheverly centric and fusion reports regarding cases within the town. Residents may call the Cheverly Police department if they want more information on their cases.



- Ride-alongs are available for Cheverly residents.
- Town administrator and Police chief request \$5000 for wheel locks, \$5000 for steering locks, and \$5000 for Ring doorbell rebates.

Motion to authorize the \$5,000 for wheel locks, \$5,000 for steering locks, and \$5,000 for Ring doorbell rebates made by CM Fry. 2nd by CM Wade. Approved Unanimously

Public Works Report – Town Administrator Galloway provided a report:

- Town Engineer, TA & Public works director met with WSSC to review infrastructure restoration and to coordinate with other utilities. Addressed sink holes concerns about poor compaction. Working with WSSC to get their compaction report regarding sink holes and the town’s engineer Mr. Newton will help the town hold WSSC accountable before final restoration work is done.
- Significant process in CDBG grant in ward 1 paving of Newton & Monroe streets. Waiting for approval of the funds from the county and then move forward with construction.
- The town has begun to purchase equipment and security mechanisms to begin transition to store public works equipment at Hospital Hill site while construction of the new public works building is being done.

Review of October work session agenda and future requests

- WSSC update
- Mayor requests that signs that say “We do not maintain alleys” be removed.
- SHA discussion
- Update on Lake Ave traffic study & possibility of lowering the speed limit within the town.
- Financial update/Audit
- Capital Improvement Project
- Redistricting update.
- Update on Site Study on land behind homes on Forest Rd

Mayor and Council Announcements –

CM Wade –

- Requests that residents be engaged when finalizing the committees/boards guidelines.
- Encourages everyone to be careful with information that they share because it can hurt people in different ways.



- Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October, Methodist Church will have Trunk or Treat, support Elizabeth Seton's Homecoming, Bozwellness fitness runs are on Tuesday evenings in October.

CM Bryner –

- Ward 3 Bozwellness fitness run
- Sends support to staff with losses in their families.

CM Fry –

- Condolences to the family and friends of Robin McClain
- Thanks to Cheverly Gives back for bringing back the 3x3 basketball game. Congrats to East side for winning the baseball game on Cheverly Day. Congrats to Ms. Vee & Mr. Horchler for their recognition.
- Congrats to CM Garces for being honored by the county in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

CM Dalaker

- Reminder: 4th Ward Civic Association meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month@ 7pm
- Condolences to the family and friends of Robin McClain

Mayor Munyeneh

- Condolences to my friend Robin McClain
- Requests that everyone be kind and follow the motto of Ms. McClain and the Women's Club

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by CM Fry. 2nd by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.