

**TOWN COMMISSIONERS' LEGISLATIVE MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
December 10, 2024
6:00 PM
Town Hall, 241 Market Street and via Zoom**

Attendees: Renee Capano, Rob Rinehart, Richard Mahan, Jackie Akers, Tom Costanzi, Bryan Lightner, Mary Culver and Kathy SanDoe

Public:

Zoom: Robyn Rowe

President Capano called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She stated that this would be the last Commissioners' meeting of the year and added, Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Jackie Akers was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes – November 12 and November 26 – Charlestown Commissioners: Commissioner Akers motioned to approve the minutes for November 12 and November 26. Commissioner Mahan seconded. Both minutes were approved 5-0.

Accounts Payable Review – Charlestown Commissioners: The total spent from October 9 through November 11, 2024, was \$217,658.41. Checks were printed on October 12 totaling \$17,607.09. The combined amount is \$235,265.50. Commissioner Akers motioned to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$235,265.50. Commissioner Costanzi seconded. Approved 4-0.

President Capano stated that she was planning to attend the Elkton Christmas party on Saturday and wondered if anyone else was able to go. She and Mr. Lightner are going to meet with Perryville, Port Deposit, and Rising Sun, regarding a possible partnership for trash service. Commissioner Mahan will meet with President Capano, Mr. Lightner, and Ms. Campagna on to put together a packet of upcoming capital expenses.

President Capano noted the Christmas bonuses for employees are in the budget for the same amounts as last year. Commissioner Akers motioned to approve the bonuses. Commissioner Mahan seconded. Approved 5-0.

New Business

Think Big Broadband Service Agreement – President Capano: Town properties will all be connected, but in phases, as construction is adjacent to those locations and certain percentages of customer penetration has occurred. The Town will work with Think Big and Amtrak to use existing conduits for utility lines to cross the railroad tracks near Old Philadelphia Road. Mr. Lightner checked with Havre de Grace where some fiber has been installed and with Elkton where conduit only has been set in place for fiber. Both Towns have had positive experiences working with Think Big and say they are easy to work with, even during development challenges. Commissioner Akers motioned that the Town provide the right of entry for easement to lay utility for fiber optic cable to provide more choice for internet service to the Town of Charlestown. Commissioner Costanzi seconded. Approved 5-0.

Ms. Culver said Santa will be riding through Town on Tuesday, December 17th, in a Charlestown fire truck beginning at 5:30 PM and lasting about two hours. A Santa Tracker will broadcast Santa's location and is available on social media, Facebook, the Town website, and via email. A map is also available showing the planned route through Charlestown, Charlestown Manor, Holloway Beach, Cool Springs, Scott Gardens, Trinity Woods, and Charlestown Crossing. Candy canes will be shared for the children to enjoy.

There was no New Business.

Comments

Robyn Rowe had no comment.

Commissioner Mahan asked about the status of the slip rental agreement between the Wellwood Marina LLC and C-Dock. Mr. Lightner stated the offer letter, regulations, and application form will be shared with the Wellwood shortly.

Commissioner Akers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rinehart seconded. Approved 5-0. President Capano said Merry Christmas, everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.