

**Town Council
Municipal Building
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
Town Meeting – 8:01 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Call to order– 8:00 pm

Roll Call – All were present; CW Smith-Barnes (sick).

Moment of Silence –

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Agenda – adopted as amended; all were in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – (July 3, 2017) all were in favor, table until next meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – (August 7, 2017) motion by CM McLaurin; seconded by CW Hines to adopt the meeting minutes; all were in favor; motion passed.

Swearing-in of Police Chief Pablo Mitchell

Mayor - Reading of the Oath of Office, Pablo Mitchell repeating oath

Swearing-in of Town Clerk Sherletta Hawkins

Mayor - Reading of the Oath of Office, Sherletta Hawkins repeating oath

Public Period –

Mr. Adams on Ottawa Street stated that he's a disabled vet. He has taken the tags off of his motorcycle that he can no longer drive and place it in his driveway. He would like to know why he was given three days to either place tags on the motorcycle or remove it. Mayor Muhammad asked Chief Mitchell if he could answer Mr. Adams question. Chief Mitchell said that would fall under Section 15.3.2 in the Town Ordinance Parking and Truck restrictions. Mayor asked the Chief to discuss it further with Mr. Adams at a later date.

Mr. James Ware on Ottawa Street thanked the Town for placing a speed bump on Ottawa but he thinks they need to re-address the location. There should be a speed bump right in front of the water tower to slow traffic coming down the hill and one placed at the bottom for traffic coming up the hill.

Legislation –

Resolution 60-17 Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Amendment; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the reading and seconded by CW Hines; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Res. 60-17; all were in favor. Motion passed vote (6) yes (0) no.

Resolution 61-17 To Transfer Equipment from the Deputy Chief's Police Vehicle to the New Police Vehicle; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the reading and seconded by CW Hines; motion to amend company name to General Sales Administration, Inc., Major Police Supply of Laurel, MD, and to the change amount from \$3,140.00 to \$3,102.40. Motion to adopt Res. 61-17; by CM Kennedy II, seconded by CM Barnes; all were in favor. Motion passed vote (6) yes (0) no.

Ordinance 04-17 to amend section 15.3.2 Parking and Traffic of the Town ordinance code, by changing, amending, renaming or readopting certain provisions of said article including section 15.3.2 (Parking and Truck Restrictions) to move the prohibition from parking on an unpaved area of a residential lot that is one acre or less in size.; motion by Mayor Muhammad to waive the first reading; all were in favor; after discussion, motion to kill Ordinance 04-17 vote (3) yes; (2) no; (1) abstain. Ordinance will stand as is, and CM Barnes can resubmit the ordinance at the next town meeting if desired.

Ordinance 05-17 to amend Article 3 (Building and Construction regulations and codes for land use); motion by CW Hines to waive the first reading; vote (6) yes; (0) no; motion passed; discussion; second reading will be done at the 9/5/17 town meeting.

CM Kennedy II-- discussed the grant that the Town was awarded from Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$22,000 dollars. This grant was applied for by the previous clerk, Bonita Anderson.

Closed Session – (9:15 pm) motion by Mayor Muhammad to go into a closed session to discuss consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain the State. Under State Government Article Section 10-508# (4) and # (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. On the closed meeting form; seconded by CM McLaurin; vote (7) yes; (0) no; motion carried.

Persons present for the closed session were: Mayor Muhammad; Council President Kennedy II; CM Barnes; CM McLaurin; CW Hines; CW Brownson; Town Attorney; Town Administrator and Town Clerk.

End closed session – motion by CM McLaurin; seconded by CW Hines; all were in favor
Back in session – 10:32 pm

New Business –

CW Hines – discussed that the path on North Huron behind Flintstone Elementary School. The sidewalk is broken and the hedges are high and back to school night is August 31, 2017. This has been a problem for over a year. Park and Planning said it is not their property, the Town of Forest Heights said it is not their property. CW Hines asked the Council to write to District 8 members to ask for assistance with fixing the pathway. All were in favor. Motion passed vote (6) yes (0) no.

Adjournment – 10:49 pm

Sherletta Hawkins

Submitted by Town Clerk