



TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR

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Special Work Session Minutes
May 17, 2022, 7 PM
Meeting ID: 826 7950 6698 Passcode: 3611

Call to Order

Motion to open the meeting at 7:13 PM introduced by Councilman Hobbs, seconded by Councilman Bowles. All in Favor. No Discussion. **Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed.**

Attendance: Mayor Casañas, Councilwoman Hobbs (zoom), Councilwoman Mendoza, Chief of Police Tracy Stone, and Clerk Treasurer Dan Baden, Councilman Bowles, Town Attorney John Barr, Councilman Harding Absent.

Approval of Agenda

- Councilman Bowles & Councilwoman Mendoza to approve agenda with changes noted **Voted: 4-0 Motion Passed**

Vote on Mayor Pro-tem

- Asked that Mayor Casanas and Councilman Bowles be the Mayor Pro-tem **Voted 3-0-1 Motion Abstain**

MML for Mayor Sadara

- Discussion took place regarding how to honor Mayor Barrow for her 20 years of service. Mayor and council gave input on this issue
- Councilman Hobbs/Councilwoman Mendoza: To pay 1 month in hotel, 1 month per diem for Mayor Sadara Barrow to attend MML event **Voted: 1-3 Motion Not Passed**

Town Generator

- Clerk Treasurer: Gave overview of the generator proposal.
- Councilman Bowles & Councilwoman Mendoza: To approve the proposal from Freight Power System in the amount of \$2,398.14 for repairs to the generator. **Voted: 4-0 Motion Passed**

Town Budget

- Phone and laptop
- Clerk Treasurer: Gave overview of extra phones and laptops and if we want to authorize them for Mayor & Council use
- Councilwomen Mendoza/Hobbs: Issue phones and/or laptops to Mayor & Council members if requested. **Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed**

Town Committee Comments

None

Resident/Public Comments

- Resident (unknown): Asked about help with Utility payments
- Resident (unknown): 40th Ave -Is a social worker; wants information emailed about utility assistance and other help.
- Resident (unknown): How far in advance do you have to reserve the Town Hall **Answer:** Sooner than later as reservations are made early

- Resident (unknown): Questions about Bates Trucking Trash Service; complained about having to call for bulk trash and asked why it cannot be automatic
- Questions on lawn cutting was also discussed

ARPA Discussion: Premium pay; Internets

- Would like to add these items back in discussion in use of ARPA funds
- Mayor was informed of employees receiving premium pay
- Questions were asked; discussion will continue during next ARPA discussion

Bates Trucking Contract Increase

- Clerk Treasurer Baden: Gave overview of the cost increase associated with the landfill: \$59/tm to \$70/tm and the fuel surcharge
- Council agreed to pay landfill increase and discuss paying the fuel surcharge at another time with Bates **Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed (Harding Absent)**

Port Town Transportation Vans

- Councilwoman Mendoza & Councilman Bowles: To purchase 2008 bus for the county. Fair will still be \$1 **Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed**

Opening the Town Hall

- Mayor: Asked council what they think about mask requirements
- Answer: Councilwoman Hobbs/Mendoza: Stay masked Councilman Bowles: Acquired Covid at the Town Hall. Thinks we should fit town hall with better systems for filtration before opening. Also building should be open but need to take precaution
- Mayor: Everyone needs to be masked
- Councilwoman Mendoza/Hobbs: Open building with strict mask requirements and education program effective 7/1/2022 **Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed**

2-Day Building Closure

Remarks delivered; no action taken

Deep Clean/Paint

- Need deep cleaning company to come into building which is pricey
- Will obtain pricing for deep clean and filtration system in building

Past & Upcoming Events:

- **June 17, 2022** Juneteenth Event at KFC Lot
- **June 21, 2022** Brentwood/Colmar Manor Business Meeting 8a-10a @ IHOP
- **June 24, 2022** Pride Sip and Paint for town residents
- **July 4, 2022** Fireworks at Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Code Enforcement- \$500+ Ocean City MML

- Councilwomen Hobbs/Mendoza: Authorize \$585.61 to be paid to the town of Cheverly for the towns portion. The Code Enforcement Officer to attend the MML Conference **Vote 4-0 Motion Passed (Harding Absent)**

Code Enforcement- Grievance Policy

- Is included in renewal agreement with Cottage City.
- To be distributed and discussed with council next meeting

Police Report

Police Report for the month of May 2022 was read by Chief Stone. No motion to accept police report into record.

CapWinMOU

- Tabled to next meeting
- Councilman Bowles expressed concern about reinstating the police & treasurer report at future meetings
- Chief Stone: Both reports were posted on website prior to meeting

RedSpeed

- Mario Hernandez- VP of Operations: Gave overview and red-light camera operations under RedSpeed.
- Capability of system was discussed.
- Chief Stone: RedSpeed is going to perform a traffic study on Bladensburg Rd
- Other questions were asked and answered
- RedSpeed currently sends 16 of the 41 municipalities that have camera in the state
- Mr. Hernandez will forward information to Chief Stone to discuss

Adjournment

- 11:15pm: Councilwomen Hobbs/Mendoza go into close session to discuss a personal matter
Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed
- 11:24pm: Readjourned open session
- 11:25pm: Councilwoman Hobbs motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Councilman Bowles
Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed

**Submitted,
Ylyne Brown**