

March 8, 2017

Present

Commissioners Roy Myers, Michaels Bibb, and William Boos, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, Zoning Officer Sarah Abel, Public Works Director Jeff Richardson, and approximately 25 members of the public. Commissioner Jaime Windon was absent and Commissioner Joyce Harrod joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Call To Order

President Myers convened the regular working session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Announcements from COSM, Staff and Public

Town Manager Jean Weisman announced that the next meeting of the Commissioners would be held on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the library and that the discussion would be the next steps from the ad hoc Police Department/Town Office Building Committee. Mrs. Weisman continued with a reminder that budget workshops would be held at the Town Office on March 21st, March 23rd and March 28th if necessary, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Weisman added that outside agencies seeking funding should send requests in writing to the Commissioners as soon as possible. Mrs. Weisman also announced that requests for proposal for curb and sidewalk replacement and pavement patching and restoration along Talbot Street would be accepted until March 17th at 2:00 p.m., and that copies of the bid information would be available at the Town Office or Rauch, Inc. for \$20.00. Mrs. Weisman said that public works would be flushing hydrants on Talbot Street to clear up high iron levels and water discoloration and the system should be back to normal shortly. Ann Hymes of Grace Street provided an update on the sculpture competition for the nature trail. There were no additional announcements from the Commissioners or the public.

Consent Agenda

President Myers announced that a vote to approve the items on the consent agenda would include approval of department reports for the month of February 2017; and approval of the following permit applications:

- Sign Application for Banners on Talbot from St. Michaels Art League
- Permit Application for Art Show and Sale from St. Michaels Art League
- Permit Application from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) for OysterFest
- Permit Application from CBMM for Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival and Maritime Model Expo
- Permit Application from CBMM for Watermen's Day
- Permit Application from CBMM for Annual Boat Auction
- Permit Application from CBMM for Big Band Night
- Permit Application from CBMM for Community Block Party

President Myers noted that the disbursements for February 2017 totaled \$198,755.89 of which the following were expenditures:

\$8,842 to T.E. Byerly Co Inc. for arsenic/chemical feed pump consult

\$3,100.25 to Swenson Granite Co for granite for curb replacement on Talbot Street
\$7,975 to Reserve Advisors Inc. for reserve study

President Myers then asked if the Commissioners wanted to remove any item from the consent agenda for discussion on the regular agenda. There were no requests. President Myers therefore called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bose made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bibb, and which passed on a roll call vote of 3-0 in favor.

Special Presentation

- Presentation by Reserve Advisors – Nick Julia

Mr. Julia made a power point presentation of his firm's summary for a financial plan the Town could use as a guide in structuring its reserve funding over the next 30 years. Mr. Julia and the Commissioners then responded to questions from the public in an extended public discussion. President Myers thanked Mr. Julia for his presentation and said the Commissioners were pleased to have a very useful planning tool.

Items for Discussion

- Classic Motor Museum request for plantings in right-of-way area on Marengo Street

President Myers called upon Tad duPont, who provided an update on where the Motor Museum project was currently, and an historical overview. Mr. DuPont said he was asking permission from the Commissioners to plant trees and other plantings on the property for beautification in the right- of -way. Zoning Officer Sarah Abel gave an overview of the storm water management requirements for the property as separate from the beautification project. The Commissioners agreed that there should be no plantings in the berm that would obstruct vision of vehicles entering or leaving the property. The Commissioners were also OK with plantings on the corner by Gina's restaurant. After some additional discussion, President Myers called for a motion. Commissioner Boos made a motion to approve plantings for beautification in the right- of -way, with the provision that any maintenance would be done by the applicant. Commissioner Bibb seconded the motion, which then passed on a roll call vote of 4-0 in favor.

Comments from the Public (Residents and Taxpayers)

Mark Van Fleet of East Chew Street wanted the Commissioners to consider legislation to obscure utility infrastructure – satellite dishes, solar panels, antennas, etc. - from public view throughout the Town. The Commissioners said that the item was on the list to be calendared during the calendaring session.

Comments from the Commissioners

There were no additional comments.

Commissioners' Calendar

The Commissioners made changes and additions to their meeting agendas for meetings in March and April 2017, including calendaring the East Chew discussion for the March 22nd meeting.

Announcement of Future Meetings/Events

Future meetings were noted as follows:

- March 8, 2017 – 6:00 – Town Office – COSM Regular Work Session
- March 15, 2017 – 6:00 – Town Office – Work Session on Reserve Study
- March 21, 2017 – 10-4:00 – Town Office – Special Budget Work Session
- March 22, 2017 – 6:00 – Library – COSM Regular Legislative Session
- March 23, 2017 – 10-4:00 – Town Office – Special Budget Work Session
- March 28, 2017 – 10-4:00 – Town Office – Special Budget Work Session

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanna Warnick
Administrative Clerk

Public Handouts:

Agenda

Department Reports

Classic Motor Museum planting plan