

June 14, 2017

Present

Commissioners Roy Myers, Michaels Bibb, Jaime Windon, Joyce Harrod, and William Boos, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and twelve members of the public.

Call To Order

President Myers convened the combined working and legislative 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

Mrs. Weisman said trash pickup for the 4th of July holiday would be Monday morning, July 3rd and urged residents to put cans out Sunday night. Mrs. Weisman said she and Commissioners Myers, Boos and Harrod attended the Quarterly Municipalities Meeting with the County on June 12th. Mrs. Weisman also noted that Commissioners and staff would be attending the annual MML Conference in Ocean City, Maryland on June 25-28, 2017. Mrs. Weisman said that she and Kim Weller had met with the International Travel Writers Group that was visiting St. Michaels as part of their tour of the Eastern Shore. And finally, Mrs. Weisman said that Commissioner Harrod had attended the Talbot County Library Strategic Planning meeting on June 5th, and on June 10th Commissioners Myers, Bibb and Chief Smith attended the SMCC Annual Block Party. President Myers also reminded residents that plans were moving forward to the law enforcement-sponsored community anti-drug event in September.

Resolution for Discussion and Vote

- Resolution 2017-02

President Myers welcomed the St. Michaels High School Varsity Baseball Team and noted that the Resolution was an initiative of the Commissioners as residents of the Town. President added that the Commissioners had not yet discussed the resolution. Mrs. Warnick then read the title of the Resolution into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS TO HONOR THE ST. MICHAELS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM AS CLASS 1 A MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONS FOR 2017

After a brief discussion, President Myers then called for introductions. Commissioners Windon and Harrod introduced the resolution. President Myers then called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02. Commissioner Harrod made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bibb and which then passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor. President Myers asked the baseball players to move forward to the dais, at which time he read the resolution in its entirety into the record. All of the Commissioners then congratulated the team for their outstanding record and reputation and provided St. Michaels lapel pins to all.

Annual Election of Officers of the Commissioners of St. Michaels

President Myers announced that the Commissioners would be electing a President, Vice President and Treasurer. President Myers said he would like to propose a slate of officers to be voted on. The Commissioners agreed to a slate of proposed officers. President Myers said that he was pleased to nominate Commissioner Boos, to serve as President, to nominate Commissioner Bibb, to serve as Vice President, and to nominate himself, Commissioner Myers, to serve as Treasurer. There were no comments or objections. Commissioner Windon seconded the nominations, and a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor was taken. Congratulations were expressed. Commissioner Boos thanked all for their confidence, and continued with the meeting as the new President.

Consent Agenda

President Boos announced that a vote to approve the consent agenda would include departmental reports and minutes for the month of May 2017, approval of an event permit request from the St. Michaels Museum for the 4th of July celebration. President Boos noted that disbursements for the month of May 2017 totaled \$258,309.63, of which the following were specific payments:

- \$ 55,656 to Bridges Site and Utilities Inc. for Talbot Street curb and sidewalk rehabilitation
- \$ 4,215 to MacLeod Law Group LLC for legal expenses
- \$ 17,822 to Shannahan Artesian Well Company for a well pump

President Boos asked if there were any items the Commissioners wish to discuss outside of the consent agenda. As there were no requests, and no public comment, President Boos called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bibb made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Myers, and which then passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Boards and Commissions - Appointments

President Boos said that the following persons have asked to be appointed to specific boards, fulfilling positions vacated before term expirations:

- Helen Levin – for the continuation of a five-year term on the Planning Commission, replacing Bill Frost, whose term expires 12/31/17
- Melissa Knapp – for a 3 year term on the Parks and Recreation Committee, filling one of two vacant seats, for a term expiring 12/31/17

Mrs. Weisman said she had received no additional applicants for the vacant positions. President Boos called for a motion to approve the positions as stated above. Commissioner Windon made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bibb, and which then passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

Items for Discussion

- False Automatic Fire Alarms – Fire Chief Sean Guschke

Mrs. Weisman opened the discussion of Chief Guschke's email to the Commissioners, and explained the details of problems caused by false fire alarms for the police and fire departments. Mrs. Weisman said there were many false alarms in town. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners determined that they required additional information on how other towns handle false alarms, especially with second homeowners, logistics, and enforcement.

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Commissioners' Calendar

The Commissioners discussed changes and additions to their meeting agendas for July and August 2017.

Mrs. Weisman said that the Girl Scouts would be putting a recycling can near the Nature Trail at West Chestnut Street, and will be emptying it themselves. The Commissioners also agreed to calendar a public hearing on the potential annexation of Brooks Lane for August, and a discussion of the Brooks Lane development roads at the July meeting.

Comments from the Public

President Boos invited comments from the public. Ann Hymes of Grace Street read her list of suggestions for Town improvements. President Boos thanked her for her comments.

Comments from the Commissioners

The Commissioners agreed to send comments in on the draft newsletter prepared by Commissioner Myers and Kimberly Weller as soon as possible so it can be emailed and otherwise disseminated for the most recent quarter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanna Warnick
Administrative Clerk

Public Handouts:

Agenda

Department Reports