

MINUTES

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Commissioners

COSM Work and Legislative Session

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Edgar M Bosley Jr. Municipal Admin Building

300 Mill Street' PO Box 206

St. Michaels, MD 21663

- I.

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

- President William Boos convened the combined working and legislative session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland at 6:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present were Commissioners Joyce Harrod, Jaime Windon, Dennis Glackin, and Michael Bibb, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and approximately 19 members of the public.

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Agenda Amendments

- There were no amendments.

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Announcements from COSM and Staff

- President Boos said “due to some additional legal filings related to the ongoing lawsuit against the Town of St. Michaels and very specifically against the St. Michaels Ethics Commission, the hearing for this week that was scheduled for September 16th in the Talbot County Circuit Court has been postponed until October. So that the citizens of St. Michaels have a clear and up-to-date understanding of how this legal action by the still unnamed members of SMAC – The St. Michaels Action Committee – affects them, I would like to update the financial cost to the Town of this action. As of a couple of days ago – correct me if my numbers are off.....Jean...the total legal expenses that the Town and the taxpayers of this town have incurred directly related to this ongoing issue is approaching \$30,000 – over \$28,300 something – I may be off by a few dollars – but I want to make sure everybody understands that.” President Boos then called for any other announcements. Mrs. Weisman announced that the Community Center’s concerts will be extended three weeks to September 19th to

make up for weather cancellations. She added the concerts will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to account for the onset of earlier darkness. Mrs. Weisman provided highlights of the National Nite Out celebration and the honoring of Harold Baines, and thanked all the many volunteers and donations that made the evening a success. Mrs. Weisman also reminded everyone to turn on their purple lights for the Talbot Goes Purple event beginning the first week in September.

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Comments from the Public

Jeff McGuinness of Perry Cabin Drive read prepared remarks on the subject of the legal matters involving the St. Michaels Ethics Commission. His remarks were made a part of these minutes. John Novak read prepared remarks on the possible new location for the Town Office on Fremont Street. His remarks were made a part of these minutes. Other members of the public who had comments included:

Mrs. Wald of Grace Street
Donna Hunt of E. Chew Avenue
Mike Estrella of E. Chew Avenue
Patrick McNamee of Miles Avenue

President Boos thanked everyone for their comments.

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Special Presentation

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Rotary Club of St. Michaels

- Annual Fireworks display

Amanda David, Chair, St. Michaels Fireworks Fund

- Amanda David, the new Chairperson for the St. Michaels Fireworks Fund and member of the Rotary Club, made a presentation on how the fireworks are funded, saying that her goal was to raise awareness and therefore donations to the fund. Ms. David requested a \$5,000 donation from the Town of St. Michaels. Ms. David said she would also like to fundraise for the fireworks with advertising on the Town's telephone poles. Mrs. Weisman said a Code change would be required to allow that during tourist season. President Boos said the fireworks event was important to the Town and its July Fourth celebration, and he

avored a donation. The Commissioners agreed to put the request into their budget process for the FY 2020-21 budget cycle.

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- VI.

Consent Agenda for Minutes, Department Reports and Event Permits

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Minutes

- July 9, 2019 - Closed Executive Session
- July 9, 2019 - Work and Legislative Session

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Department Reports for July 2019

- Police

Finance - Disbursements

Year to Date

Profit and Loss

Administrative

Public Works

Planning and Zoning

Communication

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Event Permits

- -- Application for Public Event from St. Michaels Running Festival 2020, for a Half Marathon and 5K, through Town of St. Michaels, run event on Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 5am to 12 pm, for approx. 2,500 runners, 3,500-4,000 including family and friends;

-- Application for Public Event from TriCycle and Run, for Free 5K Fun Runs, along the Nature Trail, from 9am to 10:30am, on August 18, September 14, October 12, November 17, and December 21 2019, for approx. 50-100 attendees;

-- Application for one day time extension on previously approved permit for Farmers Market, for October 19 2019, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- President Boos said the Consent Agenda included departmental reports, minutes for the month of July 2019, and permit applications for events as noted above. The Commissioners had some questions regarding the Running Festival permit application. The application was removed from the Consent Agenda pending further discussion with the event coordinator, Peter Parrish, who was unable to be present for tonight's meeting. Commissioner Glackin had a correction to the minutes of July 9th, which Mrs. Warnick said she would make. As there were no other comments, President Boos made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Glackin seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

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Bids and Contracts
Titan Power Liner 4955

- Mrs. Weisman said the Commissioners had included funds in their budget this year for Public Works to purchase a power painter to mark curbs and other town spaces. Mrs. Weisman said \$8,000 was budgeted, and a bid came in for the exact painter public works had wanted - a Titan Power Liner 4955 for \$6,950.00. The Titan company provided a demonstration of the machine for Public Works and the staff's recommendation was to accept the bid received. President Boos called for a motion to approve the bid for the Titan Power Liner 4955. Commissioner Bibb made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Windon, and which passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 in favor.

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Items for Discussion

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Canton Alley

- Mr. Woods provided a history of the purchase of his property on Miles Avenue, and the Commissioners then discussed issues of wetland areas, actual buildable lots, engineering considerations, and whether a full or partial road could or should be built. After a discussion of some length, it was agreed to have another meeting with Mr. Wood to compare maps from Jeff Knapp and Mr. Wood.
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Commissioners Calendar

- The Commissioners made additions and changes to the agenda for their September meeting, and changed the date of the October meeting to Thursday, October 17, 2019.

The Commissioners agreed to another meeting with Mr. Wood on Monday August 19th at 3:00 p.m.

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Comments from the Commissioners

- President Boos called for any final comments from the Commissioners or the public. Brent Sherwood, pastor of St. Luke's Church, asked to be alerted about when there might be construction in the Fremont/Canton/Miles area so work in the church cemetery and pre-schoolers walking in the area could be coordinated.
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- XI.

Announcement of Future Meetings

- August 27, 2019 - 2:00 - Architects and Engineers for New Town Office
- September 10, 2019 - 6:00- COSM Work and Legislative Session
- XII.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.