

## MINUTES

### COSM

#### Commissioners

#### COSM Special Information Session

Monday, June 3, 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

- President Boos convened the special information 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. Present were Commissioners Bill Boos, Joyce Harrod, Jaime Windon, and Michael Bibb, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and approximately nine members of the public. Commissioner Dennis Glackin was absent.

- II.

Pledge of Allegiance

- III.

Items for Discussion

Review of Brick Sidewalk replacement and Granite Curb along Talbot Street

- President Boos said that the Commissioners during their recent budget session decided to budget funding for the continuation of the Town's brick sidewalk/granite curb project. President Boos said the Town had already completed a section of sidewalk and curb from the Funeral Home to Thompson Street, and the ultimate goal was to have brick sidewalk and granite curb from Marengo Street to Dodson Avenue. President Boos said that for the last section completed, property owners participated and contributed 50 percent of the cost for sidewalk installation and the Town supplied the curbing. President Boos said that what remains undone is the north end of Talbot Street, and on the South end, from the Crepe eatery to the Winery and back to Thompson Street on the other side. President Boos said that staff has put a proposal together and the point of tonight's meeting is to discuss the plan with affected property owners, take comments and answer any questions, and discuss scope, timing and time of year. President Boos thanked everyone present for coming, and said he wished more of the affected property owners had chosen to attend.

Town Manager Jean Weisman said that the public works crew and Town staff had measured square footage, lengths and widths and researched property deeds. Mrs. Weisman said their calculations took into account narrower sidewalks and incorporated grass strips less than two feet into the sidewalk widths to make them ADA compliant where possible. Mrs. Weisman said that the last sidewalk project cost about \$27/square foot with no-interest, 3-year payment plans offered to residents. President Boos called for suggestions about the scope and time of year for such a project. Property owner Joanne Whaley said her tenants on S. Talbot Street preferred a time after Labor Day for the work and, of course, would want a minimum of disturbance. Tad duPont of Locust Street asked whether it should be a two or three-year project. Other residents said March was a better time frame for most businesses. Paulette Florio of S. Talbot Street asked about night work. Some residents opposed night work because of the noise, and the Commissioners stated that night work could add considerable cost to the project. Mrs. Weisman noted that the County had plans to replace sewer laterals on Talbot Street and there was a progress meeting with the County scheduled for June 13th at the Town Office to discuss their plans. She noted that the Town's sidewalk project would need to be coordinated with the County's timetable. Mr. duPont suggested that there should be another residents' meeting sometime after this meeting and the Commissioners agreed.

The Commissioners then discussed where to begin the work. Mr. duPont suggested starting with the easier side of the street – perhaps the section from Marengo Street back to Thompson where there are fewer businesses. Mr. DuPont added that starting with the easier section would give the crew a sense of the timing and pitfalls that would be useful for future sections. President Boos also suggested that the Town consider including demolition in the contractor's scope of work rather than tying up the Public Works crew. Mrs. Weisman said she would set up a preliminary meeting with Casey Rauch, Town Engineer, to discuss the scope of the work.

- IV.

Comments from the Public  
Included in Items for Discussion

- V.

Comments from the Commissioners

- President Boos said he had walked the Town and made note of all of the signage and that St. Michaels had a serious sign problem - too many signs, redundant and unnecessary signage, dirty signs, tilted signs that need to be straightened, etc., and it was important for the Town's streetscape to make improvements, many of which could be made easily by the Town without having to hire a

consultant. Mr. duPont of Locust Street said he agreed and added that sign color and style are also important.

President Boos then made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of consulting with staff, consultants, or other individuals concerning pending litigation, according to the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Bibb seconded it, and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0 in favor.

- VI.

#### Announcement of Future Meetings

- June 18, 2019 - Town Office - 6:00 pm COSM Work & Legislative Session
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- VII.

#### Adjournment

- The public meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.