

MINUTES



**Commissioners of
St Michaels
Meeting Minutes - Legislative Session
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot Co. Library
106 S. Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663**

1. 6:00 - Call to Order for Working Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Breimhurst, President, called to order a live and remote Legislative Session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 6:00 pm in St. Michaels, Maryland and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners Joyce Harrod, Tad duPont, Katrina Whittington, and by Zoom Al Mercier. Other representatives include Town Administrator Rob Straebel, Town Clerk Vickie Sharp, and Chief Smith. Approximately 23 members of the public were present as well as remote attendees on Zoom.

2. Announcements from COSM and Staff

Commissioner duPont thanked everyone for coming. The Community's input on the project for the New Police/Town Hall is very important.

Commissioner Briemhurst commented on community Policing, Cpl. Foster went by his house the other night and stopped, knocked on the door to let them know a light was on in his car. This is an example of the personal policing given in St. Michaels. Would like to thank Maura Majeski for coming to town on April 21st - Earth Day with her volunteers and cleaned up the Town. If you see her Thank her for this effort. Asked that Shop keepers and Restaurant's to clean up around their businesses each morning.

The agenda was amended moving item #5 Consent Agenda for Minutes and Events before Item #4 Special Presentations and Announcements.

Contacted Senator Van Hollen's office regarding a request for a Congressional Appropriation for \$2M, we have been selected to move forward with the next phase of this process. Process will take about the next 2-3 months.

The General Services Clerk position has been filled. Jen Whiting will be starting in mid-May. She was chosen out of 62 applications.

Rob Straebel, per his employment agreement, handed out his annual evaluation to the Commissioners, will schedule a closed session to go over his performance for the past year.

Working with Easton Utilites on a Franchise Agreement to allow them to expand their broadband through the Town.

Received a FEMA Grant to look at flood mitigation in the Mill Street area, which includes Honeymoon Bridge and the walkway to the Maritime Musuem. Thank you to Roy Meyers for getting this Grant together, this is his 3rd Grant.

May 5th deadline to sealed submit bids for the 2 surplus properties that the Town has for sale.

Chief Smith announced that K-9 Max passed away due to cancer. He also stated that the Sea Glass went well, but there are parking issues, with over 30 parking tickets issued. They are being addressed.

3. Comments from the Public

No comments

4. Consent Agenda for Minutes and Events

Jamie Atkinson with the Classic Car Museum went over some of the details regarding their event permit for a Parade on May 27, 2023. Permit was approved by the Commissioners.

Consent Agenda was accepted as presented. Commissioner Harrod motioned and approved the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Whittington seconded and was passed on roll call vote 5-0 in favor.

5. Special Presentations and Announcements

Tim Crosby gave an updated presentation on the new Police and Town Hall. Answered questions from the Commissioners and Public. He will be going to HDC for information on what will be accepted as new construction in the Historic District. Mr. Crosby offered to meet with anyone who wanted to sit down with him and review the plans and take any suggestions.

The Town is looking into every avenue to help defray cost of the new Police Station and Town Office. Will keep everyone posted on what the Town may receive.

Feasibility study was completed by the Faux Group in February 2022.

Public voiced concern about cost and size of the building, Mr. Crosby again offered to meet with anyone who wanted to sit down with him and review the plans and take any suggestions.

6. Ordinances for Consideration or Introduction

Ordinance No. 546 - Proposed FY 2024 Budget was introduced as presented. Commissioner duPont motioned and approved Proposed FY2024 Budget. Commissioner Whittington seconded and Ordinance No. 546 will move to a Public Hearing scheduled for May 24, 2023.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

Owners of 102 & 104 West Chew Avenue's property are adjacent to an alley way that is a green area. They would like the Town to consider selling the alley way property to them. The homeowners will have it surveyed and appraised, report back to the Town, offer a price. Will write an easement into their deeds for the Town to use as a right of way if needed.

9. Comments from the Public

Anthony Pearlman, 109 Chesapeake Avenue, behind his property line there is an alley that has not be maintained. They are interested in purchasing to use as green space. Commissioners suggested to come back with a proposal.

10. Comments from the Commissioners

Commissioners announced that for the months of June-July-August, they will only hold 1 meeting a month. The meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

11. Announcement of Future Meetings - to be held at Library

May 10, 2023 - COSM Working Session
May 24, 2023 - COSM Legislative Session
June 14, 2023 - COSM Working & Legislative Session

12. Adjournment

Submitted by

Vickie Sharp
Town Clerk

Public Participation: All comments from the public will be taken during the period set aside for "Comments from the Public." The "Comments from the Public" portion of the Commission agenda shall have a limited time period as determined by the Commissioners, and shall be at the beginning and at the end of each agenda. To be recognized, a member of the public should raise his or her hand and wait to be recognized by the President. Comments and questions should be kept brief and to the point, and be directed to the President.