

**Town of Westernport  
Council Meeting via Zoom  
September 27, 2021**

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge &  
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Phil Whetstone on site  
Judy Hamilton & Allen Shapiro via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Town Attorney Mike Llewellyn via Zoom

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge opened the meeting. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 9 council meeting with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried. Copies are available. The next council meeting will be October 12 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be virtual. *Trick or Treating* will be on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 31.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-13-2021 B** was discussed. This resolution applies to 327-329 Maryland Avenue Demo and the funding through CDBG Program. The town has also applied to the Department of Housing for grant money. This resolution allows Mayor Freeman-Legge to execute any and all documents required for the submission of this application. The amount included in this application is \$249,000. There were no questions or comments. Hearing no questions or comments, the mayor ask for a motion to approve **RESOLUTION No. 09-13-2021 B**. Commissioner Whetstone made this motion with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried. The mayor ask all commissioners to be sure and come to the city building to sign this resolution by Thursday.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-13-2021 A** was discussed. This resolution applies to the application for a Salt Storage Building to be 100% funded through CDBG Program. The amount requested is \$201,750. This resolution allows Mayor Freeman-Legge to execute any and all documents required for the submission of this application. Commissioner Whetstone asks if the application is for a 100% funded building. The mayor said, "Yes." Commissioner Whetstone made the motion to approve **RESOLUTION No. 09-13-2021** with a second from Commissioner Shapiro. Motion carried. The mayor told the group that these documents are available for reading.

The mayor announced that the Tri-Towns would hold their Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade. If Covid patients increase too much, these events will be cancelled.

Water Commissioner Whetstone gave his report. He and our attorney are trying to get with a Mr. Cheshire to discuss an agreement made many years ago with the then town Mayor Jerome Laffey. Mr. Cheshire says that Mayor Laffey agreed to pay for the filtration system in his house. Our attorney stated that Mr. Cheshire must produce this agreement before any payment would be made. Mr. Cheshire called Attorney Llewellyn and left a phone number. When Attorney Llewellyn calls the number given, he keeps getting a busy signal. Commissioner Whetstone will try texting the number Mr. Cheshire gave him. Mr. Cheshire is looking for around \$10,000.

Commissioner Whetstone brought up the 3-year Service Agreement with the W.C. Weil Company for PMP Inspection Service. This is for PRV valves and is important. Cost is \$10,500. Commissioner Whetstone made a motion we accept this W.C. Weil Company Inspection Agreement with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried.

Mayor Freeman-Legge brought up the Cleveland Brothers Service for 2021 follow-up repairs at a cost of \$10,685.00. This would be for the generator at the Filter Plant. Several companies were called for a quote on this project but only one answered. The mayor and commissioners are not interested in this service and this amount.

The mayor announced that Phase IV has started on Wood Street and in a week or two work will be started on Maryland Avenue. Residents should be aware of **"no parking signs."**

Police Commissioner Hamilton had nothing to report.

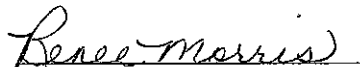
Finance Commissioner Shapiro gave his report.

As of August 1, 2021		As of August 31, 2021
Beginning Balance		Ending Balance
\$ 981,088.61	General Fund	\$ 1,045,708.31
110,363.62	Water Fund	162,800.17
95,958.13	Sewer Fund	151,994.56
9,037.26	Garbage Fund	15,832.63

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion we approve the Financial Report with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried. Copies are available. Commissioner Shapiro sees in the future a possible increase in garbage rates in Westernport due to the closing of the landfill and Burgmeier Hauling Inc. (our garbage company) buying out other garbage companies. The mayor suggested we look at our contract with Burgmeier and Commissioner Shapiro suggested we look at companies in Garrett County.

Mayor Freeman-Legge asks the commissioners for a **letter of support** for the Salt Dome/Salt Storage Building. These letters will go with the application.

With no other business, the mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

  
Rehee Morris, Town Clerk

  
Laura Freeman-Legge, Mayor