

**Town of Westernport
Special Council Meeting
April 25, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Phil Whetstone, Judy Hamilton and Allen Shapiro

ATTENDEES: Town Attorney Mike Llewellyn, Eric Alexander, and Ronda Wertman

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge brought this special meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Commissioner Whetstone.

ORDINANCE No. 4.11.2022 was brought up for the second time. This ordinance approves the issuance, sale and delivery of by the Town of a revolving line note in a principal amount not exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$600,000.00). It is for the Lincoln Drive Project. Commissioner Shapiro made a motion to accept **ORDINANCE No. 4.11.2022** with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried. This was the second vote.

Second item up was **RESOLUTION No. 4.25.2022**. This refers to a Revolving Line Note to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company not to exceed \$600,000.00 at an Applicable Rate of 3.386%. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 4.25.2022** with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried.

The council received a **COMCAST BUSINESS SERVICE ORDER** for Internet service for the new town building. The package would cost \$249.99 per month for 36 months. Our old contract would be cancelled once we move to the new location. Commissioner Shapiro made the motion to accept this new service order with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried. Mayor Freeman-Legge made the comment that the town would have to keep a few Verizon Lines due to the way our Filter Plant is set up.

The Filter Plant needs a new generator. An estimate of cost from Johnny Johnston's Garage is \$4,000 to \$6,000. This was unsatisfactory. Commissioner Shapiro made the motion to table this item with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried.

The mayor told the group that the old town garage was deemed surplus in December of 2021. This needs to go into the papers and the town will accept bids up until May 31, 2022. Because this property is out of city limits, there are issues with easement and zoning. This will take a while to finalize. The mayor has offered to do a walk thru with anyone who is interested in the property. Received bids can be denied. All costs with this sale will be considered in the price of the property.

The council received one bid for the 2008 Ford Truck and that was from Johnny Johnston. It was for the amount of \$550. Commissioner Shapiro made a motion to deny the bid and advertise again with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried. This item can be put on the State of Maryland Website. The mayor announced that George Aaron Lattanzia passed the Licensing Exam for Water Operators. Commissioner Shapiro said we now have 2 water operators now and Mr. Lattanzia will receive a \$1.00 an hour raise to be started in the next payroll. Commissioner Shapiro made this motion of \$1.00 for Mr. Lattanzia with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried.

Commissioner Whetstone gave the Water Report. He, along with others, is working on a schedule for the water department. Issues to be considered: vacation, sick leave, scheduled day off and others. Commissioners Hamilton and Shapiro mentioned the water leak on Easter Sunday and one on Easter Monday.

Mr. Alexander asked about employees' years of service, moving up and overlapping with departments. Commissioners Shapiro stated that that town has two **outside** working departments: Street and Water.

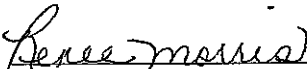
Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge brought up the vandalism at Creekside Park, especially the bathrooms. So many questions: Were those using the park responsible? Did they use our key? Did someone break in? Were the doors left unlocked? Commissioner Shapiro made a motion to offer a reward of \$250 for the arrest, prosecution and conviction of people who do this vandalism. Perhaps, we need a cost of a code lock system.

Commissioner Shapiro presented the Budget for 2022/2023. There were no changes. The total amount is \$2,092,600. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to pass the budget for the second time with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried. He talked to Mike Simpson about the **Clean Up Project** and he agreed to help. It will run from June 1 thru July 1. It will be well advertised.

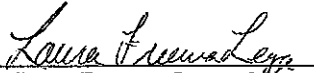
Aaron Lattanzia spoke to Commissioner Shapiro about work uniforms for the town workers. We got 2 bids: Cintas, \$319/month and Unifirst, \$502.80/month. With Cintas, this includes: 11 shirts, 11 pants and 2 jackets per employee. With Unifirst, this includes 8 wearers (192 garments), delivery and maintenance. The town will pay the cost. Commissioner Shapiro stated that if the employees don't wear the uniforms, then the town would cancel the contract. This is a monthly contract. Cargo shorts will not be allowed due to safety issues. Commissioner Hamilton wanted to know if all employees want these uniforms. Commissioner Shapiro some of them do. There are more questions. This subject will be tabled until the May meeting.

The mayor updated all on the new city building: an electrician is working now, some delay on a window, flooring coming soon, Potomac Edison 's is paying for 87% of their cost and LED lights coming.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Commissioner Whetstone and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Renee Morris, Town Clerk



Laura Freeman-Legge, Mayor