

**Town of Westernport
Council Meeting/Swearing In
June 6, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Former Commissioner and newly elected Mayor Judy Hamilton, Phil Whetstone, Eric Alexander, Kristi Williams, Allen Shapiro and out-going Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge

ATTENDEES: Todd Logsdon, County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr., County Commissioner Dave Caporale, Rev. William Shimer, Clerk of Courts Dawn Lindsay, Delegate Mike McKay, R. Wertman, Brian Legge, Marcie Legge, Tim Jackson, Silvia Jackson, Dick Walls, Jonathan Worgan, Shelia Shapiro, Vicki Alexander, Erica Alexander, Sharon Wilson, Sandy Corsaro, Billy Kight, B. Weiss, Kitty Mitchell, Tom Hamilton and Terri A.

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Rev. William Shimer. Mayor Legge asks for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. There was a motion and a second. Motion carried. Mayor thanked all for their support during her years as mayor. She feels that the incoming mayor and council are good people and will do a good job for the town. Police Commissioner Judy Hamilton resigned.

Clerk of Courts Dawn Lindsay held the Swearing In Ceremony for Mayor Judy Hamilton, Kristie Williams, Allen Shapiro and Eric Alexander. Commissioner Phil Whetstone was sworn in as Commissioner Hamilton's replacement. His term will be for 2 years. Mayor Hamilton congratulated Ms. Legge for her service and presented her with a beautiful scroll like plaque and read the words inscribed.

The newly elected Mayor Judy Hamilton introduced Delegate Mike McKay. He is running for the Maryland Senate. He spoke on the accomplishments for the 433rd Session of the State Legislature. He has been listening to the concerns of the people; he helped pass a \$61B budget, a COVID Relief Bill, a \$305M Tax Relief Package and worked on Economic Development. He worked on MD Rural Health, Emergency Room Dental Care for seniors, Free Death Certificates for those who die in the line of duty, \$5M for Frostburg State University and \$500K for Allegany County Fairgrounds. Mr. McKay hopes to visit municipalities quarterly.

Mayor Hamilton introduced County Commissioner Candidate Creade V. Brodie. Commissioner Brodie thanked all for their past support, welcomed questions and stated that he is ready, willing and able to help when called upon. County Commissioner Candidate Dave Caporale also spoke and thanked Westernport for their support and offered his help for matters that come up.

Mayor Hamilton informed the audience of the new sign for the city building. She told the audience that lines will be painted down Main Street and the city building will be closed on Monday, June 20, for Juneteenth. The cost of the new city building sign from Kenney Signs was \$3,844.33. The city office will also be closed for a week when the move to the new city building happens.

A motion was made and seconded to continue with the council meetings being on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next council meeting will be on Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

Water Commissioner Whetstone gave his report. There are 126 residents on the shut-off list with the late fee amount of \$3,740. The total outstanding is now \$33,203.44.

The new Street Commissioner Eric Alexander promised to do his very best for Westernport and stated that he was happy to serve. We received an estimate for Yellow Road Paint from ALPHA SPACE CONTROL CO., INC. for \$1,808.00. We received a bid from RoadSafe Traffic Systems for a paint truck and pavement marking paint for \$5,130.00.

The new Police Commissioner Kristi Williams said she was happy to serve Westernport and would work hard for the good of the residents. She said that the ATV's on Marsh Avenue were a problem. The county sheriff will be contacted to see what can be done. Commissioner Williams said she would find someone to give the Tri-Towns Ambulance and Rescue Service Report.

The UniFirst Corporation's Product & Pricing Overview was reviewed. Monthly cost for town worker uniforms and maintenance would be \$519.00

Finance Commissioner Shapiro gave his report.

	General Fund	Water	Sewer	Garbage
As of May 1, 2022	\$191,571.43	\$179,697.02	\$144,109.55	\$28,230.47
As of May 31, 2022	\$ 85,465.65	\$156,217.98	\$154,969.18	\$14,593.64

Mrs. Sandy Corsaro wished the best to the new council and requested a meeting with them. Mayor Hamilton stated that it would be arranged. It was requested again that the minutes of the council meetings be put on the Westernport Website. January's minutes were the last to be put on the Website. Brush at the Hollow/Lincoln Drive is a problem. Areas need to be cut back.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Refreshments were served.


Renee Morris, Town Clerk


Judy Hamilton, Mayor