



# Commissioners of Leonardtown

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DANIEL W. BURRIS  
Mayor

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Town Administrator

## **Commissioners of Leonardtown** **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **April 10, 2017**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor  
Leslie Roberts, Vice President  
Hayden T. Hammett, Council Member  
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Council Member  
Roger Mattingly, Council Member

Absent: Thomas Combs, Council Member

Also in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Jada Stuckert, Planning Assistant; Maria Fleming, Events Coordinator; John MacDonald, Olde Town Pub; Patsy Cheseldine, Resident; Tim Semple, St. Mary's Hospital; DonDon Zou, The Enterprise; Guy Leonard, County Times. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Mayor Burris asked Councilmember Hammett for the invocation and Ms. Dimsey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the March 13, 2017 Town Council were presented for approval.

**Mayor Burris entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.**

**Councilmember Hammett moved to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Roberts; motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Burris stated that we will move directly to the first item on the agenda and asked Ms. McKay to proceed.

### **Liquor License Letter of Support-Olde Town Pub-Extension of Premise-June 3-4, 2017.**

The Pub is having a Summer Kick Off event with live music in the parking area and grills for food outside on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7 pm. Alcohol is being served from inside and there will be a beer truck outside. The parking lot will be completely fenced in and they plan to use the carnival lot for overflow parking. Mr. John MacDonald is in attendance today to answer any questions.

Mr. MacDonald explained that they want this to be a very family friendly event and have taken measures to ensure a good time for adults with added extras for the kids.

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve sending a letter of support for the extension of premises for the Olde Town Pub liquor license for a two day event to be held Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that the March financials were distributed. During the month \$450,000 was transferred to the operating account and we are 75% through the budget year. We did receive a \$350,000 sum from the State so we will not know until around August what the true annual amount is because that money is allocated over four previous fiscal years. We will receive another large amount in May and June and a reconciliation adjustment in August to book back to this fiscal year. So we may be over budget estimates in the annual amount even taking out that \$300,000 sum.

The web services function for utility billing and payments is now operational and we are operating in a real time environment. Our server is the hub of the communication so all of the accounts get updated immediately upon Ms. Post inputting the invoices. The pay station was installed and Councilmember Hammett made the first online in person payment today.

We continue to work on the budget and the first draft of the Mayor's budget will be presented on May 8<sup>th</sup> and Council will hold a budget work session on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning & Zoning Report** – Jada Stuckert

The last Planning & Zoning meeting was held on March 20, 2017 with one item on the agenda.

**Case No. 49-16      Ryken Athletic Facility, Camp Calvert Road**  
Request for Final Site Plan Approval - Approved

There being no items for review, the April 17, 2017 meeting has been canceled.

**Police Report** – No report

Mayor Burris noted that the Town is still continuing discussion with the Sheriff's Department for a replacement deputy. Sheriff Cameron did indicate that they may have a candidate in a few months after the new recruits training has been completed.

**Town Administrator's Report** – Laschelle McKay

**Review of Surplus Property Bids** – The deadline for receiving sealed bids for the four surplus properties was March 30, 2017. We held a public hearing at the November 14, 2016 meeting and have advertised the sale of each property since February 9, 2017.

One bid was received for the Church Street parcel in the amount of \$4,400 from Philip Dorsey. The minimum bid was \$4,000 and the appraisal was \$4,000.

One bid was received for the Moakley Street stormwater management area as well. Mr. Richard Braam from St. Mary's MedStar Hospital bid \$525.00. The minimum bid was \$500 and the appraisal was \$1,000.

No bids were received for the two office condos. We will continue to market them.

**Councilmember Roberts moved to accept the bids on the Church Street and Moakley Street surplus properties and to authorize the Mayor and Town Administrator to move forward with the sale of the properties; seconded by Councilmember Roger Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Update on SMECO Project on Park Avenue** – SMECO has scheduled the final phase of the new electric lines and facilities in the town parking lot on Park Avenue. There is a required outage to switch everyone over. We contacted all businesses and residents affected and we gave them a month notice. We asked them to schedule it on a Monday as that day least affects the amount of business. The outage is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris reported he met with a group that is doing oyster reproduction in St. Mary's County and wanted to explore utilizing Breton Bay. We are looking at areas that could be used and close enough that it can be viewed for educational purposes. We are not sure if it fits the required criteria and will be doing some research so it may be a while before we know if this is a viable project.

**Events** – Roger Mattingly

Ms. Fleming noted that the police supply over twenty officers for the Hospice event and we also had five State Troopers and EMS had a stronger presence and we did have a Joint Command, similar to the one we have for Veterans Day. We truly appreciate all their services and support to make this a very safe event.

Congratulations to St. Mary's County Woman of the Year Nominee Grace Fuller and winner Patricia Brady.

Thanks to St. Mary's County Rec & Parks had another successful Easter Festival on April 1, and The Front Porch and Church of the Nazarene are both organizing community Easter activities for the weekend of April 16.

Welcome to Leonardtown the newest branch of the Olde Line Bank, which held a Grand Opening Open House on Tuesday, April 4.

Please join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 23rd. Thanks to a generous grant from the St. Mary's County Arts Council and funds from other annual sponsors, we are pleased to have Reptile World, Inc. returning as our children's entertainment this year. Two new additions at the Wharf will be the miniature horses from the Greenwell Foundation and an A/C and Dehumidifier recycling event from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. sponsored by one of SMECO's subcontractors.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Fling Car Show for Hospice rounds out the month on Sunday, April 30 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 7.

Mark your May calendars: 5/5 Swing into Spring Frist Friday; 5/12 LHS Jazz Concert at the Wharf; 5/20 the U.S Navy Jazz Band concert in the Square at 6 p.m.; 5/28 Downtown Tunes with Latrice Carr.

**Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Meeting</u>
Sunday, April 16	Holiday	Easter Sunday
Sunday, Apr. 23	12:30 – 4:30 PM	Leonardtwn Earth Day Celebration 2017 Leonardtwn Square & Leonardtown Wharf Park
Wednesday, April 26	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Chamber Business After Hours (RSVP) Hosted by Stanley Martin Homes 23380 Lillaflora Way, California, MD. 20619
Saturday, April 29	1 – 3 PM	Girl Talk Scavenger Hunt in the Square
Sunday, Apr. 30 Car (Rain Date: May 7)	8 AM – 4 PM	St. Mary’s Rod & Classic XXXII Spring Fling  Show @ Leonardtown Square
Thurs. & Fri., 5/4 & 5/5 Sat., 5/6 Sun., 5/7	5:00 PM – 11:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	So. Md. Annual Spring Festival @ SMC Fairgrounds
Friday, May 5	5 - 8 PM	Swing into Spring First Friday
Wednesday, May 10	1:30 AM – 6 PM	2017 Business Showcase & Awards Luncheon So. Maryland Higher Education Center
Friday, May 12	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting @ TBD
Friday, May 12 (Rain date: May 19)	6:00 PM	LHS Jazz Band Spring Concert @ the Wharf
Saturday, May 20	9 AM – 3 PM	Coastal Arts Market, Port of Leonardtown Park
Saturday, May 20	6 – 7 PM	USN Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble in the Square
Saturday, May 28	6 – 9 PM	Downtown Tunes with Latrice Carr

**Community Development and Strategic Planning** – Hayden Hammett

Councilmember Hammett reported that different meetings have taken place to discuss potential businesses and the movements of some potential projects such as a restaurant at the Wharf and Shepherd’s Old Field Market. Old Line Bank had their ribbon cutting and it was well attended and the St. Mary’s MedStar Quad house is ready for occupation.

**ENR Upgrade** – Laschelle McKay

Ms. McKay stated there is nothing new to report at this time. The project is on schedule to complete late July to run into the fall for final completion.

**SMMA Update** – Leslie Roberts

Councilmember Roberts reported that the Town of La Plata extended an invitation to join them for a farewell social for Mayor Roy Hale who will not be running for another term. The next SMMA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at the Pavilion in Indian Head. We will be handing the reins of the SMMA Chapter over to North Beach. Our focus discussion will be on economic development/tourism and how the Towns handle with particular staff and/or working with their County government.

**Safety and Emergency Preparedness** – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that we will be working on paving Key Way and Barthleme will be the next road. Will be attending the April 29<sup>th</sup> MML Board of Directors meeting in Annapolis.

**Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 4.30 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Roberts, no further discussion; motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Teri P. Dimsey

**Approved:**

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Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

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