



# Commissioners of Leonardtown

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DANIEL W. BURRIS  
*Mayor*

LASCHELLE E. MCKAY  
*Town Administrator*

## **Town Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023**

**Live streamed video of the meeting can be found on  
YouTube – Town of Leonardtown Channel**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor  
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Vice President  
Nick Colvin, Council Member  
Heather M. Earhart, Council Member  
Christy Hollander, Council Member  
Mary Maday Slade, Council Member

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary, Angie Graves, Treasurer; Mike Bailey, Planning; Cpl. Roszell, Town Deputy; Will Morehead, JustTech; Ken Held, Slice House; Teachers: Arnika Eskeland, Dorothy Birch, Norm/Shelly O’Fornan and Students: Ava Wilson, Charlotte Eskeland, Jasper Dichter from Forrest Career & Technology Center. A sign-up sheet was provided, there were no attendees to sign. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Mayor Burris asked Councilmember Colvin to give the invocation and asked Ms. Dimsey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023 meeting.

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Slade; no further questions, motion passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurers Report – Angie Graves**

Ms. Graves reminded everyone that budget requests are due to her today. Budget sessions are scheduled for May 16 and May 23 (if needed). The CDA finance program bond issue for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion was approved with closing scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning & Zoning Report – Mike Bailey**

Mr. Bailey reported that the Planning Commission held a meeting on March 20, 2023:

**Case #43-21** St. Mary’s Nursing Center - Town Planning & Zoning Commission gave final approval for the Site Development Plan and Architectural drawings on March 20, 2023.

We received preliminary Forest Conservation Easement Plat review approval and are now ready to issue permits. As there are no items to be heard the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled.

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**COUNCIL:** NICK COLVIN    HEATHER M. EARHART  
CHRISTY HOLLANDER    J. MAGUIRE MATTINGLY IV    MARY MADAY SLADE

**Police Report – Mayor Burris**

Mayor Burris thanked Cpl. Roszell for providing a written report and thanked for her diligence in maintaining regulations around Town.

**Town Administrators Report – Laschelle McKay**

**Presentation by Forrest Career and Technology Center Students Regarding Water Quality Project Proposed at the Wharf**

Mr. Norm O'Foran is working with students from the Dr. James F. Forrest Career and Technology Center on a project to monitor water quality. The group has received a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant to fund the project. They would like to place a monitoring station at the Wharf with an informational sign about the project. Students working on the project are in attendance today to give a brief power point presentation on the project and answer any questions.

Ms. McKay introduced Ms. Birch, Natural Resource Teacher who leads this group of students.

MS. Birch provided an overview of the goals of the project and the students then went through the power point presentation providing information on the conception of the BOBS, the BOBS process, information it will collect and how people can then review the information using the QRCode.

Council asked a few questions for clarification and thanked the students, the Forrest Center and the Chesapeake Bay Trust for involving the Town in this important project and how that the Town can help and benefit from the results to educate our residents.

**Resolution 4-23 Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Appointment of the Current Treasurer and Town Attorney.**

Ms. McKay stated that while moving through the Bond Issuance for the Wastewater treatment plant expansion, it was discovered that the Treasurer and Town Attorney appointments should have been confirmed in the minutes. Our Bond attorney, Lindsey Rader, prepared this resolution to ensure that the Town meets all of the requirements for those responsible for signing some of the documents for the loan.

**Councilmember Earhart moved to approve Resolution 4-23 ratifying, confirming and approving the appointment of Marie Angie Graves as the current Treasurer and Patrick W. Thomas as the current Town Attorney; seconded by Councilmember Colvin, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Outdoor Seating and Extended Premise Liquor License Letter of Support Request for Slice House at 22745 Washington Street**

Slice House is moving to the same building as Slice House II Go and is requesting outdoor seating in front of both of the restaurants. The plan shown meets the requirements of the Outdoor Seating Guidelines adopted by the Council in August of 2021. They will also be transferring their liquor license to this location and would like a letter of support to be able to serve alcohol at their outdoor seating with that license.

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the outdoor seating plan proposed by Slice House and Slice House II Go and to send a favorable letter of support for Slice House to have outdoor seating at 22745 Washington Street included in their Class B Liquor License; seconded by Councilmember Slade, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

## **Award Bid for Mill and Asphalt Overlay of Lawrence Avenue**

A request for proposals was advertised in the County Times to mill and asphalt overlay Lawrence Ave from Seymour St. to its intersection with Washington Street on Wharf hill per the FY23 budget. The remaining section from Seymour Street to Point Lookout Road will be done once the construction on the Dairy Queen is complete as there is storm drain work to be done on Lawrence Ave and also heavy truck traffic until then. We had estimated \$150,000 in the FY23 budget for the entire length of Lawrence Ave. A pre bid meeting was held March 24th. There were 4 bids received at the April 3rd bid opening. The low bid came from All Pro Asphalt out of Waldorf in the amount of \$138,450. Their references were checked and we found them very favorable.

**Councilmember Colvin moved to award the Lawrence Avenue mill and overlay contract to All Pro Asphalt in the amount of \$138,450; seconded by Councilmember Earhart, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

## **Updates**

Ms. McKay reported that the Trolley will run every weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) from Friday, April 21 through Sunday, October 15. Details on specific hours of activity are being worked out. We have added Meadows at Town Run and Academy Hills to the route, it will take an hour to run the route but we are excited that more residents can participate. The first weekend there is an event at Leonard Hall so we will have it stop and pick up and drop off there in support of their event.

Ms. McKay reported that just today, we heard that the SHA crews will be back out to complete work on the Route 5 project in the next few days.

Also, a reminder that State of the Town will be held at The Rex Theatre on Friday, April 14, beginning with complimentary breakfast, provided by Flour and coffee by Social Coffeehouse at 7:00 a.m. The presentation will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m. with various presenters discussing the reasons they began their business in Leonardtown, along with Visit St. Mary's, St. Mary's County Economic Development and wrapping up with the Mahan Rykiel Consultants on the statistics and viability of opening a business in Leonardtown. We hope you all plan to join us.

## **Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris**

Mayor Burris reported that the Leonardtown Elementary fourth-grade students, his granddaughter's class, will be joining him in the square for a tour of Leonardtown, in lieu of holding a Mock Council this year. Mayor Burris invited Council Members to join them if they were available, along with Deputy Roszell. In March, he attended Walter Francis Duke Elementary and held a Mock Council and there were lots of interesting questions from their fourth-grade students.

## **Events – Heather Earhart**

Councilmember Earhart reported that a busy weekend is planned in Town.

Coastal Arts returns with their Spring Open Air Market on April 15th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Leonardtown Wharf.

The Annual Hospice Run takes place on Saturday, April 15th. The run starts at the Governmental Center lot at 8:30 a.m. and travels through downtown Leonardtown.

The Leonardtown Earth Week Celebration – Local Leonardtown Businesses have partnered to create the Leonardtown Earth Day Celebration. This week-long event will take place the week of Earth Day (Sunday, April 16th - Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

The Spring Bar Crawl, hosted by local area restaurants – Antoinette’s Garden, Brudergarten at Shepherd’s Old Field Market, Il Piccolo Morso, Olde Town Pub, Social Coffeehouse, The Rex Restaurant & Bar, The Slice House and The Front Porch takes place on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Plein Air at the Wharf - Explore your creativity by capturing the beauty of Leonardtown Wharf. Bring your art supplies and join in the open paint, take part in a community art mural with artist Adriana Reloba, hosted by the St. Mary's County Arts Council, and/or sign up for a FREE class with Carrie Patterson, professional artist, Professor of Art at St. Mary's College and owner of the Yellow Line Art Studio. The evening also includes live music with the GrooveSpan Trio, wine by the glass with Port of Leonardtown Winery, organic, plant-based from the Real Food Studio, tasty eats from the Slim Chickens food truck and sweet treats from Frogtown Ice Cream Shop.

Leonardtown Summer Music Festival - The Town of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association are proud to announce the exciting 2023 lineup for the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival. This exciting series is funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council and includes such popular artists as The Dynamos, Latrice Carr, Phillip Michael Parsons, Doc Martin & the Flannels and Vertigo Red. Enjoy an exciting season of concerts throughout Leonardtown from April – October.

In honor of International Dance Day, Leonardtown will host a Music & Dance Appreciation on Saturday, April 29th. Enjoy live dance exhibitions in LTown Alley from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., A Drum Set Showcase featuring local area youth performers from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., and concluding with Latin Night at the kickoff concert for the On the Water’s Edge Music Series at the Leonardtown Wharf featuring Leonardo Garcia Y Son Horizonte. This concert is part of the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival and is sponsored by Jimmy Hayden of RE-MAX 100 and Homes for Heroes.

The Spring Fling Car Show, hosted by St. Mary’s Rod & Classic, takes place on Sunday, April 30th in historic downtown Leonardtown from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Enjoy live music while viewing classic and antique cars on display throughout Leonardtown Square. Proceeds from the event benefit Hospice of St. Mary’s. Rain date for the event is on Sunday, May 7th.

#### **Community Development and Planning** – Nick Colvin

Councilmember Colvin hoped everyone had a great Easter weekend. He looks forward to the Hospice Walk/Run and will be participating for the second time this year for such a good cause.

#### **Utilities** – Christy Hollander

Councilmember Hollander enjoyed spending Easter weekend around Town visiting the various shops with her son Hank, chocolates at Heritage, which was packed, walked over to see the bunny at Social Coffeehouse and stopped at Board and Brush to make a bunny.

#### **SMMA Update** – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that the MML Board of Directors meeting will be held in College Park on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The MML Summer Conference is set for June 25 to June 28 in Ocean City. He will be attending the State of the Town and there is talk about an SMMA meeting at the Waterpark at Chesapeake Beach for a family/meeting type event. Lastly, this week is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, so please tell your 911 Dispatcher, thank you.

#### **Business Development** – Mary Maday Slade

Councilmember Slade said she will be attending the State of the Town. She wants to remind all start up small businesses that each business should have four people on their team, an insurance agent, attorney, banker and a tax professional. This team helps to make sure you don’t experience or avoid altogether any distressing problems in relations to your small business.

Mayor Burris reminded everyone that he is available after the meeting for discussions.

**Mayor Burris entertained a motion to adjourn.**

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 4.43 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Slade, motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

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Nick Colvin, Councilmember

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