



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Mayor

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Town Administrator

Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **May 8, 2017**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor
Leslie Roberts, Vice President
Thomas Combs, Council Member
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Council Member
Roger Mattingly, Council Member

Absent: Hayden T. Hammett, Council Member

Also in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Jada Stuckert, Planning Assistant; Maria Fleming, Events Coordinator; Joanne Koterwas, Zachary Koterwas, Residents; Patsy Cheseldine, Resident; Time Semple, Resident; Gretchen Hardman, Governor's Office; DonDon Zou, The Enterprise; Guy Leonard, County Times. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

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

Mayor Burris introduced Mr. Zachary Koterwas and his mother. They are here today for Council to honor Mr. Koterwas for his winning entry in the annual Maryland Municipal League "If I Were Mayor I Would..." Essay Contest. Mr. Koterwas' essay was chosen out of 1200 essays and the winner of his District. Mr. Koterwas will be attending a special presentation in Annapolis to receive a cash award and other items to be presented to him by Lieutenant Governor Rutherford.

Today we would like Mr. Koterwas to come forward to receive a Proclamation from the Town of Leonardtown acknowledging his achievement and to be pinned with a Town pin.

Mayor Burris asked Mr. Koterwas to explain his winning essay theme. Mr. Koterwas came forward to shake Mayor Burris' hand and have the Mayor place the pin on his lapel.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for the April 10, 2017 Town Council were presented for approval.

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

Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Combs; motion passed unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that during the month \$150,000 was transferred to the Operating Account. We are 84% through the budget.

Today we will introduce Ordinance No. 177 – Adopting the Budget & Setting the Tax Rate for FY18. Tax rate is the same for now but is subject to change after budget workshops are held. Ordinance No. 177 will then be brought forward at the June meeting for final adoption.

Planning & Zoning Report – Laschelle McKay

There being no items for review, the April 17, 2017 meeting was canceled but we have a large agenda for next Monday. The Fire Department Museum, Shepherds Old Field, SMECO, College of Southern Maryland, Orchard Hills. As you can see many have been in the holding process waiting on various reviews and are now ready to move forward.

Councilmember Roberts remarked that she is very glad to see the projects now moving forward.

Police Report – No report

Mayor Burris noted that the Town is still continuing discussion with the Sheriff's Department for a replacement deputy. We have met with Captain Hall and they are providing more presence in and around Town.

Town Administrator's Report – Laschelle McKay

CPP Grant Joint Use Agreement – Miedzinski Park Playground & Equipment

Replacement – We received word that the Community Parks and Playground grant for the Miedzinski Park Playground equipment replacement was funded. The grant was for \$200,000 as a pass thru to St. Mary's County government, who will be matching the grant. Authorization is needed to sign the attached standard joint-use agreement for the grant and to prepare Attachment B in conjunction with the County attorney that stipulates that the County is responsible for the match, construction and ongoing maintenance of the project.

Councilmember Roberts moved to authorize Mayor Burris to sign the Joint Use Agreement and finalize Attachment B for the CPP pass thru grant for Miedzinski Park playground equipment with SMC Government as presented; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Demolition Fund Grant Application Discussion for McIntosh Run Project- In an ongoing effort to support the removal of blighted properties within the town boundaries we have prepared an application to the Dept. of Housing and Community Development for a Strategic Demolition Fund grant to demolish the old Pennies Bar property and the adjacent building at 25845 and 25815 Point Lookout Road. The site has been vacant since 2005 and is along the main highway through town. This area is also part of the Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. Point Lookout Road has over 27,000 cars per day that pass by these properties. The project is directly across the road from the only currently active residential development in town. Mr. Wayne Davis, owner of the properties, will be responsible for the \$1 match for every \$4 in grant money (pledge letter from WM Davis received) as well as maintenance of the property post demolition. The estimated cost of demolition is \$93,600 with the recent addition of \$30,000 for asbestos removal. The grant requires discussion at a public meeting and support from the Town Council for the application.

Councilmember Roberts thanked Ms. McKay for finding this grant money and helping to get this eyesore in the Town torn down.

Mayor Burris asked the audience if they wanted to ask any questions or make any comments.

No questions or comments were received from the audience.

Councilmember Roberts moved to support the Strategic Demolition Fund Application for the demolition of the derelict buildings on the McIntosh Run site at 25848 and 25815 Point Lookout Road; seconded by Councilmember Combs, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding CDBG elevator and sprinkler project- As you are aware we received a \$300,000 CDBG grant for installation of an elevator and sprinkler system to Town Hall. There is a grant requirement to spend at least 5% of the grant by June 19th. We got initial estimates for the elevator with Kone and a local contractor estimate for the installation as well as an estimate from Bayside Fire Protection for the sprinkler system to submit the grant request. Rebecca has since found a national contract that we can piggy back on for the elevator. The company has a contract through NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance). The company is Thyssenkrupp Elevator. They are already working with St. Mary's County Government to install an elevator in the old Sheriffs office on Tudor Hall Road. I met with the contractor and elevator company on Tuesday the 2nd and they are working with me to price the job for the elevator, install and the fire sprinkler work all under one contract, piggybacking on the NJPA contract. I am requesting approval to continue working with Thyssenkrupp Elevator and Nichols Contracting and Power Systems Company to construct this project if we are able to stay within the CDBG budget.

Councilmember Roberts moved to authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with the elevator and fire sprinkler project, piggybacking on the NJPA contract through Thyssenkrupp Elevator and Nicholas Contracting Company under the budget originally approved through the CDBG grant; seconded by Councilmember Combs, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported that the Community Investment Tax Credit Program Manager, Ms. Barbara Kearney, contacted her about hosting a seminar to offer resources to our community on

revitalization efforts to our local non-profits. Most of their money is granted in the Baltimore area and they are wanting to provide information to other parts of our state that may not be aware this type of funding resource exists. We plan to host/sponsor a seminar on Friday, June 2 at 10:00 am.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris reported that Ms. McKay and he met with Mr. Kaselemis and Ms. Stormont of St. Mary's County Economic Development department and they were pointing out a new website that the State has that includes a wealth of demographical information on Leonardtown. We are now over 3500 residents as estimated by the State. Comptroller Franchot is attending an event at the Port of Leonardtown and have set up some time to meet with him.

Events – Roger Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly noted that Earth Day had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Other guests – Reptile World, Fish the Bay Charters, and Mid-Atlantic Adventures – are working with us to reschedule their services. On the plus side, the event was better advertised than it has been in years past, and a lot of people indicated that they were going to attend. Hopefully some of the new participants – Dept. of Aging, the SMECO recycling contractor and other new exhibitors will return next year.

Ms. McKay remarked that we are currently working with Reptile World to do a show at Leonardtown Elementary as a replacement event.

Mayor Burris and Ms. Dimsey once again hosted a Mock Council at LES on April 27th; the annual event teaches 4th graders about local government, money, taxes and budgeting.

The Annual Spring Fling Car Show had a record 370+ cars around Town, drawing over 2,000 spectators. Still awaiting final numbers from the Car Club.

May 5 Swing into Spring First Friday hosted the Chesapeake Swing Band and professional swing dance teachers for a great time out in the Square with a large draw. The First Friday Committee has also partnered with the SoMar Drummers and the Town to host a drum circle at the Wharf Gazebo from 8 – 10 p.m. after the First Friday events on the Square. June 2 will be Where's Crabby? Selfie Scavenger Hunt First Friday with C. Bass and the Rockfish.

The LHS Jazz Band is scheduled to have their Spring Concert at the Wharf this Friday, May 12 at 6 PM. Rain date is the following Friday, May 19.

NEW on the calendar – Saturday, May 13 at 9 PM will be a candlelight procession in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima; sponsored by the local Catholic Churches.

Saturday, May 20 we welcome back the US Navy Band Commodores from 6 – 7 PM in the Square, and the Coastal Arts Market will be at the Wharf from 9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, May 27th will be the running of the Life is Good 5K in Leonard's Grant in the morning and the season opener of Downtown Tunes with Latrice Carr from 6-9 PM that evening.

The Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, June 3 at the Wharf. Registration is at 10 AM, Walk starts at 11 AM.

The Olde Town Pub will host their 2nd Annual Summer Kickoff Concert, June 3 from noon – 10 PM and June 4 from noon – 7 PM

NEW THIS YEAR - The Leonardtown Rotary Paddle for First Responders on June 10 at the Wharf is currently soliciting sponsors and accepting participant registrations. There is a timed race course and a fun paddle course. The purpose of the event is raise funds for scholarship programs that will benefit St. Mary’s County First Responders, their families, and the Rotary Club’s endeavors. More information can be found at www.paddleforfirstresponders.org.

Mark your June calendars: 6/14 Flag Day Celebration at the Governmental Center; 6/16 SoMD Youth Orchestra Concert at the Wharf; 6/17 Sunrise Yoga and Coastal Arts Market at the Wharf; 6/24 Downtown Tunes with Country star Wesley Spangler.

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Meeting</u>
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 13	9:00 PM	Candlelight procession 100 th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima; sponsored by the local Catholic Churches
Saturday, May 20	9 AM – 3 PM	Coastal Arts Market, Port of Leonardtown Park
Saturday, May 20	6 – 7 PM	US Navy Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble in Square
Wednesday, May 24	5:00 PM	Business After Hours hosted by Friends of the St. Clement’s Island and Piney Point Museums, at the Piney Point Lighthouse, 44720 Lighthouse Road, Piney Point, MD. 20674
Saturday, May 27	8:00 AM	Life is Good in LG 5K & Fun Run Leonard’s Grant
Saturday, May 27 (Rain date: Sunday, May 28)	6 – 9 PM	Downtown Tunes with Latrice Carr
Monday, May 29	HOLIDAY	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
Friday, June 2	5 -8 PM 8 – 10 PM	Where’s Crabby Scavenger Hunt First Fridays SoMar Drummers Drum Circle at the Wharf

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Saturday, June 3 Leonardtown	11 AM	Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides 5K @ Wharf and Town roads
Saturday, June 3 Sunday, June 4	Noon – 10 PM Noon – 7 PM	Summer Kickoff Concert @Olde Town Pub
Friday, June 9	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting @ TBD
Saturday, June 10 (Rain date: June 17)	10 AM – 1 PM	NEW – Paddle for First Responders @ Leonardtown Wharf Park and Port of Leonardtown Park
Saturday, June 10	11 AM – 8 PM	Annual Crab Festival @ the SMC Fairgrounds
Tuesday, June 13	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Chamber Annual Meeting and Dinner @ LVFD, 22733 Lawrence Avenue

Community Development and Strategic Planning – No Report

Mayor Burris noted that we continue to receive news there are people looking at office or building space in Town.

ENR Upgrade – Tom Combs

Councilmember Combs 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 our next meeting in being hosted by Indian Head and we turn over the administration of the SMMA chapter to the Town of North Beach. We will also be welcoming newly elected councilmembers from La Plata. Looking forward to attending the MML Summer Conference in June.

Safety and Emergency Preparedness – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that the opening bid for paving Key Way and Barthleme is May 26 to be awarded on June 12th. Attended the MML Board of Directors meeting in Annapolis on April 29th. Also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for St. Mary's Ryken new Student Activity Center which was very well attended. Joining Councilmembers Roberts, Mattingly and Ms. Dimsey to attend the SMMA meeting on May 10th.

Councilmember Combs moved to adjourn the meeting at 4.40 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Roger Mattingly, no further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Leslie E. Roberts, Vice President

Thomas M. Combs, Councilmember

Absent
Hayden T. Hammett, Councilmember

J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Councilmember

Roger L. Mattingly, Councilmember