



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Town Council Meeting Minutes March 14, 2022

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Attendees:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Vice President
Tyler Alt, Council Member
Nick Colvin, Council Member
Christy Hollander, Council Member
Mary Maday Slade, Council Member

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Jada Stuckert, Planning; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary; Will Moorehead, Just Tech; Gretchen Hardman, Governor's Office; Teri Branch, Resident; Deputy Roszell. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Councilmember Colvin lead the invocation and Ms. Dimsey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burris remarked that Task Order #27 GHD was deleted from today's agenda and Change Order for SE Davis was added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022, as presented.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Colvin; no further questions, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that there was no transfer to/from the Operating Account to LGIP. We are 67% through the budget. One property went through tax sale. We have a meeting with the County Treasurer to work on the details regarding the transfer of the property tax billing to be handled by the County.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 210 Adopting the Budget and Setting the Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023

A Public Hearing will be held at the April meeting for the budget.

Planning & Zoning Report – Jada Stuckert

The last Planning & Zoning meeting was held on February 22, 2022 with four (4) items on the agenda.

Case No. 14-05	Clark's Rest – Phase 4 BLAP Request for review and approval of the Phase 4 BLAP.
Case. No. 14-05	Clark's Rest – Phase 4A Request for review and approval of the Phase 4A Plats.
Case No. 14-05	Clark's Rest Subdivision Request for architectural review and approval.
Case No.5-08	The Slice House – 41575 Park Avenue Concept Site Plan review and approval for a 3,000 sq. ft. commercial building.

There are no agenda items for the Monday, March 21, 2022 meeting, the meeting is cancelled.

Police Report – Rachael Roszell

Corporal Roszell submitted her monthly written report. She was in attendance but did not have any new matters to add.

Town Administrators Report – Laschelle McKay

Resolution 1-22 - Commissioners of Leonardtown Acknowledgement of No Interest in Abandoned Alley on Bell Family, LLC property

We were contacted by Dugan, McKissick and Longmore attorneys that the title company working on the Bell Family land sale was requiring proof that the Town had no interest in an abandoned alley that cut across the property at some point in time. This resolution with a Quit-Claim deed was agreed to be the best way to resolve the issue by the town attorney and the requesting attorney since there are no records of the town ever having ownership of the alley.

Councilmember Colvin moved to approve Resolution 1-22 Acknowledgement of no Town interest in the abandoned alley on Bell Property; seconded by Councilmember Alt, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Extension of Lawncare Contract with Woodlawn Lawn Care

The Lawn care contract for the town was bid in 2017 for a five-year period. Woodlawn Lawn Care Services has had the contract for at least 25 years and has done an outstanding job, donating numerous services annually. In 2017 when the contract was bid there was one other bidder, which was deemed not qualified to manage the contract. Due to the increase in pricing in many areas, especially fuel recently, staff believes it is in the best interest of the Town to extend the current contract for an additional three years. Woodlawn has agreed to hold the current prices thru June 2023 at which time a review of fuel prices would be done and a renegotiation of pricing would be discussed if prices remain high.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to extend the Woodlawn Lawn Care Services contract for three years at the current contract rate for one year and a review of fuel costs in years two and three with the opportunity for re-negotiation; seconded by Councilmember Slade, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Task Order #27 GHD Task Order to design rebuild of McIntosh Sewer Pump Station
Deleted from agenda. As the costs were very expensive, we will be looking at other alternatives and bring this back to Council at another date.

Change Order to SE Davis Construction, LLC Project Re-decking Wharf Elevated Boardwalk

At the October 12, 2021 Town Council meeting, SE Davis Construction, LLC was awarded the contract in the amount of \$91,637 plus \$150 per stringer needing replaced to re-deck the elevated boardwalk at the wharf. The project contained approximately 3,179 sq ft of decking. The concession building decking is connected to the boardwalk and is in the same condition. It makes the most sense to replace it at the same time. The area around the building not under roof is about 1,500 sq ft. The cost is \$46,282 for SE Davis to re-deck at the same time. Staff will also be working with our brick paver contractor to repair the area in front of the deck which has sunk and created a tripping hazard where it meets the decking to be replaced.

Councilmember Slade moved to approve a change order to the Wharf re-decking of the elevated boardwalk project to add approximately 1,500 square feet of deck replacement around the concession building in the amount of \$46,282 with SE Davis Construction, LLC.; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris stated that the State of the Town was well received and well attended. He noted that Ms. Gretchen Hardman, from the Governor's office is in attendance today and extended a welcome. He will be attending the Maryland Mayors Association at the end of March.

LBA Report – No Report

Events – Tyler Alt

Moll Dyer Day, held on February 26th was a great success. Attendees of all ages, including visitors from out-of-town and residents alike, filled the local restaurants and shops to enjoy the activities and specialty drinks and menu items. It was a moving tribute to a real local legend filled with many poignant moments – most notably the appearance of Moll Dyer herself at the Opening Ceremony held at the site of the Moll Dyer Rock at Tudor Hall Manor. The two-day event was organized and hosted by the St. Mary's County Historical Society in partnership with the Commissioners of Leonardtown, Visit St. Mary's, the Old Jail Museum and the Leonardtown Business Association.

Upcoming Events

In honor of the completion of Leonardtown's latest, most unique mural titled "Alice in Leonardtown", the Town will throw a three-day spectacular during May's "Mad About Leonardtown" First Friday All Weekend! The kickoff event will be a CURIOUSER and CURIOUSER Cocktail Party held at the Fenwick Inn on Friday, May 6th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. The main event of the evening will be a live and silent auction featuring the works of talented local artists, fabulous destination packages and thrilling experiences to help raise funding for Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment District.

Saturday, May 7th will be the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the mural. The Town will celebrate with family-friendly activities and the showing of the animated classic movie about a young girl named Alice who goes on a WONDERous journey. The event will be held from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. There are more events and activities being added throughout the weekend.

Community Development and Planning – Nick Colvin

No report at this time.

Utilities – Christy Hollander

Councilmember Hollander stated that she has received a lot of compliments about the introduction of the new waterfront plan.

SMMA Update – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that the next MML Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for the end of April and the next SMMA meeting is scheduled for May 11th at North Beach with elections of new officers and transfer to North Beach. He attended the State of the Town and received a lot of positive feedback and everyone is excited that Leonardtown is moving forward in a great direction. Thank you to the staff who helped to make it a great event. He also attended the Moll Dyer Day event which was interesting to learn more about her history and how it relates to Leonardtown.

Business Development – Mary Maday Slade

Councilmember Slade thanked everyone and the LBA for the excellent presentations at the State of the Town. People have been excited to see the projected plans for the waterfront development. This weekend we have theater in Leonardtown, the Play that Goes Wrong, will be playing at Leonardtown High School. Last month she spent a birthday gift card at Shepherd's Old Field as they have such a wonderful unique selection. A reminder to everyone to please have some grace when dining or purchasing at small businesses, they are short on staff and this is really hard on small businesses as supplies and gas and such are going up and up. Please have a little grace and give them a little leeway as they struggle to provide service(s).

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Alt, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Tyler Alt, Councilmember

Nick Colvin, Councilmember

Christy Hollander, Councilmember

J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Councilmember

Mary Maday Slade, Councilmember