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DANIEL W. BURRIS
Mayor

LASCHELLE E. MCKAY
Town Administrator

Town Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022

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YouTube – Town of Leonardtown Channel**

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; Angie Graves, Treasurer; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary; Mike Bailey, Planning Coordinator; Beth Sandberg, Procurement; Roger Mattingly, Resident; Teri Branch, Resident; Gordy Stellway, Realtor, Joe Kurley, The Rex; Aubin Reeves, Just Tech. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022, as presented.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Colvin; Councilmember Hollander abstained due to absence; no further questions, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Angie Graves

Ms. Graves reported that we are finalizing the end of the year reports and moving forward into the new fiscal year.

The Auditors will be coming in during the month of August, dates to be confirmed soon.

Planning & Zoning Report – Mike Bailey

Mr. Bailey reported that the next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18 with one item to be heard:

- **2021 Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) Annual Report**
Request for review and approval

Police Report – Mayor Burris

Corporal Roszell is unable to attend today's meeting but did submit a monthly written report for Council's review.

Town Administrators Report – Laschelle McKay

Extension of Sludge Removal Contract with Synagro

Unfortunately, we do not have any other options and recommend that we extend the Synagro contract for sludge hauling another year with an CPI increase of 8.58%. We are continuing to look at other options, in conjunction with METCOM, but our location and the grade of our sludge makes it difficult to obtain service but we are exploring potential regional options and will keep you updated.

Councilmember Hollander asked if there was a set term for this contract?

Ms. McKay responded, no, at this time, we do not have any other options. We continue to keep this a yearly contract until we have better options. At the end of the 2022 fiscal year, we were over by \$51,000 but, we are aware it is an issue and the fund itself as a whole is okay.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the extension of the sludge hauling contract with Synagro with an 8.58% price increase per the CPI adjustment, for one year effective 7/22/22; seconded by Councilmember Alt, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Overview

The bid has been advertised on the expansion of the WWTP to move to 1 million gallons per day from 680,000 gallons per day. A pre-bid meeting was held last week with the engineers, three companies attended the meeting and a tour was arranged of the plant. The bids are due to open on August 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Presently, with today's exorbitant costs of product and services, we do not know what type of bids we will receive, we can only move forward, assess the bids presented and if it is unaffordable, we will re-group to a wait and see mode.

Updates

Grants

We received word that we were not awarded the Community Parks and Playground grant to redo the brick pavers at the Wharf. No official word just yet, but we may be receiving a different grant. We will re-look at our options depending on the scope of the grant.

LTown Alley

The project continues to move forward with the start of construction to bury the utility lines, putting in the new stormwater management with underground piping and prepping to start the retaining wall behind the Duke building. We continue to obtain new pricing for any work that does not fall under the contract in place and will bring that forward with bids. Mr. Wheatley is working very hard to not only stay on budget but to decrease costs when possible.

Unexpectedly, due to the 3½ inches of rain from the storm, we had some issues from the trenches that were stabilized but with the heavy rain they caused some water overflow in to the basements of the adjoining businesses which we immediately addressed.

Piers

S.E. Davis has completed the work but, they continue to wait on life ring cases that were ordered. They will be moving the barge out of the area. There was a plan to keep the barge to use during the installation of the new kayak launch. The old launch was compromised so for safety we have removed it from use. We have been working with DNR on a grant to put in a new launch and need to balance the pricing and have not yet found the right set-up. We are pursuing another option of attaching the launch to the pier on the opposite side where there are no slips. It needs to be ADA compliant and we have issues with the steps. We also want to find a better alternative for the seaplane boarding.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris

LBA Report – Joe Kurley

Mr. Kurley mentioned that July 23rd will be a busy day with a poker run and ending with the Blazing Keys concert in the square. The businesses will be busy with adding their own special touches during the day. LBA is focused on engaging with the businesses. They need to let us know what is going on, do they need any help getting the word out and just keeping communications open. We continue to look for new additions of folks who can add new energy to keep the momentum going and bring in new exciting projects and events. Another focus is to bring in more retail and keep looking for new opportunities and new business partners.

Mayor Burris noted that the Trolley has been working really well and everyone is enjoying this added perk.

Ms. McKay remarked that we have had businesses inquire about adding them along the stops but right now we are unable to make a left at Route 5. We hope to work out something after we go through this trial Trolley run and figure out a new plan to enhance this wonderful addition. The Trolley driver is counting the passengers so we will get a good count at the end of the trial.

We recently applied for a grant for the next phase of the Waterfront Plan which includes a retail recruitment strategy package and are hoping to hear about approval of this grant by September/October.

Mr. Kurley remarked that the Trolley looks charming and visible all-around Town and the customers love it. It really adds to the atmosphere of the Town.

Events – Tyler Alt

On the Water's Edge Concert featuring The Latrice Carr Band sponsored by Jimmy Hayden, Realtor of RE/Max 100 was held on Saturday, June 11th. Due to weather they relocated to the old Bell Motor over-hang and still had a sensational evening of music.

The next exciting concert will be Leonardo Garcia y Son Horizonte at the Havana Nights Party held at Leonardtown Cigars on Saturday, July 16th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Then, Latin Nights in Leonardtown continues on June 24th with dancing at the Salsa on the Vine event at the Port of Leonardtown Winery.

Thank you to the Harley Davidson Owners Group who visited Leonardtown on Friday, June 24th. Participants visited area restaurants and shops and enjoyed spending the day at the Leonardtown Wharf and Port of Leonardtown Winery.

The Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend Celebration was held this past weekend with art shows, jazz brunches, cruises, parties and more. The main event was cancelled due to weather and flooding of the main roads but there was plenty to do in Leonardtown to still enjoy the event.

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is proud to present Blazin' Keys in Leonardtown Square on Saturday, July 23rd from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Leonardtown Trolley: Now it's easier to get around to all the great dining, shopping and activities in Leonardtown. You can ride the Leonardtown Trolley FREE all summer long. You can also track the trolley on the days it's running. The FREE Trolley rides are provided by Patuxent Transportation, LLC and courtesy of our valued sponsors.

Community Development and Planning – Nick Colvin

Councilmember Colvin reported that the two immediate projects going on are the Route 5 completion and as paving is starting, fingers crossed that this means it will be closer to getting it done. LTown Alley work is happening so going through Town please take it slow through the square as the underground work has begun. Elections are going on, it is your right, so please vote.

Utilities – Christy Hollander

Councilmember Hollander reported that the treatment plant bid process has begun and we are patiently waiting to hear the results. Good to hear that the paving is starting and can't wait to have the Route 5 project completed.

SMMA Update – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that he attended the MML Summer Conference in Ocean City which had a great turnout with a lot of informative classes and educational sessions. The next SMMA meeting will be in Annapolis during the Fall Conference coming up in October. Thank you for everyone's support, he was elected to serve another term (2022-2023) on the MML Board of Directors.

Business Development – Mary Maday Slade

Councilmember Slade reported that she has seen a lot of dog walkers and thank goodness for the extra waste stations. The trash at the Wharf needs to be addressed, with adding a few more totes, as they are overflowing, possibly from all the wonderful ice cream eaters at Frogtown. She recently experienced a scam of being in conversation with a fake, but very real, looking email address with the Maryland Comptroller's Office. Fortunately, the scam email was caught, through her own diligence and notification to the State's Comptroller's Office and it would have been disastrous as it involved a very large sum of her client's money. She brings this up to make sure others take note of this, especially when money is involved to be vigilant, know and confirm who you are conversing with at the particular place of business.

Excited to report that HB 268 was passed, effective as of June 30, 2022 which allows small businesses to not have to pay personal property tax on anything under \$20,000. This will be a huge help to the smaller businesses, especially as they recuperate from the last few years.

Ms. McKay stated that they are aware and have already been working on getting more totes placed down at the Wharf.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Slade moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hollander, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

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