

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Michael E. Hale	Mayor
Lois Ann Blue	Council Member – Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden	Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson	Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps	Council Member – Ward 4
Daniel Baden	Clerk-Treasurer
Brian Gibson	Chief of Police
John Barr	Town Attorney
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Michael E. Hale let the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of 9/11.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that Port Towns Day will be held on September 15, 2012 at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park from 12-8pm.

The Bladensburg Job Fair will be held on Saturday, September 29th at the Bladensburg Community Center. The Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor and Edmonston are involved in this event for their residents.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

Ward 1 – Council Member Blue stated that she and two of her fellow Council Members attended a 100th Birthday Celebration for Mother Ruby Logan, a longtime member of New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Town presented her with a Proclamation. Council Member Blue will submit her name to M-NCPPC as they also have a program to celebrate senior citizens.

Council Member Blue stated the residents need to be more conscious of the school children at the bus stops.

Council Member Blue addressed the homes that have overgrown weeds and asked that the residents take care of them.

Ward 2- Council Member Bowden stated that residents are still inquiring about possible speed bumps in her Ward.

Mayor Hale reported that the Town was pursuing pricing for the speed bumps.

Ward 3- Council Member Jackson stated the Colmar Manor Bible Church has an after school tutoring group every Thursday from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Children can bring their homework, sight words, and science programs, etc. She will confirm the age group.

Ms. Jackson stated that the next Garden Club meeting will be held on September 18, 2012. Ms. Jackson stated that Ms. Biggs-Adams donated materials for planter boxes for the Community Garden on Newton Street.

Ward 4 – Council Member Epps thanked all who helped make her Block Party a success.

Ms. Epps stated that on September 6th, Chris Bailey, a Ward 4 resident, had a viewing party to watch President Obama accept the nomination to run for President.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Mary Sims gave an overview of the August 2012 Police Report. (See attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the August 2012 Treasurer's Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale and John Barr, Town Attorney gave an overview of the new Storm Water Management project (See attached). It was explained that House Bill 987 requires municipalities to be a part of the Storm Water Management programs. The municipalities have the option of opting in with the Princess George's County's management program or managing the Storm Water Management program individually as a Town and utilizing their own team of experts. Mayor Hale feels that the Town should join Prince George's County's plan. It would be very costly for the Town to hire the expertise

needed to manage the program. The Town would levy a tax for the residents to cover the cost of the program.

John Barr, Town Attorney will prepare a letter on behalf of the Town that it wishes to participate in the Prince George's County's program. Dan Baden is to sign the letter.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to allow the Town to participate in the Storm Water Management program with Prince George's County.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to allow the Town to participate with Prince George's County's Storm Water Management Program (SWRP) and including the fee and authorize Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer to sign letter. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Reports – No report given.

Recreational Report – Council Member Blue stated that the Town will hold its Halloween Party on October 27, 2012 at the Town Hall. Council Member Blue stated that volunteers are welcome to join the Recreation Council. The Christmas Party will be held December 15th.

Neighborhood Watch – No report given.

ATHA – No report given.

PGCMA –Next meeting will be on September 20th at the Sports and Learning Center.

Port Towns Health Partnership- No report given.

PTCDC- Council Member Jackson stated that there were no meetings in the months of August and September. The next meeting will be in October and they are looking for two new Board Members. Ms. Jackson stated that the PTCDC should be moving into their new location next week and can use volunteers to help.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Connie McClain question if a Work Session would be held next month. Council answered yes. Ms. McClain also thanked Council Member Jackson for sending out informative emails. Ms. McClain voiced concerns about leaving Zumba late at night. Officer Sims stated that she would be on watch after Zumba.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale adjourned the meeting.