

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Michael E. Hale called the Town meeting to order.

**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
John Barr	Town Attorney
Brian Gibson	Police Chief
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

Mayor Michael E. Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER – Matriarch, Inc.**

Kimberly Boone and Tiffany McNeil, President of Matriarch gave an overview of Matriarch, Inc. and the programs they provide. Ms. McNeil stated that the organization is a non-profit and works with groups of young females between the ages of 10 – 18 years old. She also stated that this organization also encourages foster children to join the program.

Ms. McNeil stated that the program does a lot of outreach and fundraisers and will advertise in the town. Classes are determined by the availability of the facility.

Council Member Jackson asked if Ms. McNeil could bring recommendations from parents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AUGUST 8, 2012**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

**OCTOBER 2, 2012**

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the above minutes.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to approve August 8<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 2, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Jackson stated that she would like minutes completed monthly. She would also like for the minutes to be sent to Council for review before the meeting. Council Member Blue reminded her that the Council had tabled the minutes at the last meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that Mayor, Council and staff attended Frances Smith's funeral on November 13, 2012. The number of attendees was very impressive.

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 14, 2012 and Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The PGCMA Legislative Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor sent condolences to the Gibbs family whose wife/mother passed and Ms. Peebles whose husband also died.

Mayor Hale announced that the town would be receiving Thanksgiving baskets for the residents in need.

## **COUNCIL WARD REPORTS**

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue reminded residents to check their smoke detectors and to be cautious of space heaters and to check them while in use.
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- She asked that everyone not speed in town especially because of the wet leaves on the streets.
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- Council Member Blue acknowledged the Police Officers patrolling and said to be wary of strangers loitering on corners.
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- Needy residents should call the town hall for the holiday season if they need help. The town will be having a Coat and Toys for Tots Drive.
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- Council Member Blue stated that she is still seeing a problem with dogs using the bathroom in resident's yards.
- **Ward 2** – No report given.
- **Ward 3** – No report given. She stated that November is Diabetes month and she would like residents to stay active.

- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that Chris Daley held an election party at his home for the reelection of President Obama on November 6th.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of October's Police Report (See attached).

Chief Gibson discussed the special operations the Police Department had completed. He alerted every one of his Holiday Crime Safety Tips for resident and businesses.

He will have a Coffee Club meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Santa with a Badge will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> taking needy children on a \$100 shopping trip and lunch.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Barr, Town Attorney gave overview of the October's Treasurers Report. Daniel Baden Clerk-Treasurer was absent.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **- SPEED BUMPS**

Mayor Hale directed the Council to a proposal for four speed bumps from College Park Paving that was in their packages. It was the consensus of the Council to table this issue until research could be done on other estimates.

### **- SIGN APPROVAL**

The individual that was requesting the Council's approval for a sign for a Day Care Center in her home was not in attendance to discuss her intentions. The item was tabled for further investigation.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – No report given.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that the town’s Harvest Fest was a success. More volunteers are encouraged to join the Recreation Council.
- The next Recreation Meeting will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
- Movie Night will be on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30. Popcorn & drinks will be served.
- On Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, M-NCPPC will have a Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Class for the children.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated that the last Neighborhood Watch Meeting had a low attendance. Sgt. Mary Simms voiced concerns at the meeting about citizens shooting on the ball fields.
- **ATHA** –The ATHA meeting was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. This was a Budget Meeting. The committee discussed the War of 1812 and visited the Visitor’s Center at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. ATHA received a \$10,000 grant to promote the War of 1812.
- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last PGCMA meeting was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. She stated that a representative from Comcast spoke about a program they sponsor for children who do not have access to the computers or the internet. If the child is on the reduced or free lunch program, Comcast will provide internet service for a cost of \$9.95 a month. They also have a low cost computer which Comcast will provide \$149.00 and Comcast will provide \$100 towards the cost. There is also online training for children.
- Pepco has a program for street lights that are not working which they will contact you when sight light has been fixed. Council Member Jackson gave the website to report the outages.
- PGCMA will have their annual Legislative Dinner in which Mayor and Council will attend. This dinner is for scholarship funding.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP** – Council Member Epps stated that she had recently been attending the Port Towns Health Partnership meetings and gave a brief description of their purpose. The last meeting was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and they reviewed the projects from last year and the challenges the group is having in promoting its mission. Ms. Epps stated that they have revised the CAP – Community Action Plan. She proceeded to give a further description of the program.

- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated that PTCDC has a Grand Opening on November 8<sup>th</sup> at their new office above Papa John’s Pizza. At the Board meeting, they recognized the new and departing board members. Council Member Epps was recognized for her six years membership on the PTCDC Board. Nancy Meyer, Community Forklift will be the new Chair of the PTCDC. The next meeting will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Resident on Monroe Street stated that street lights have dimmed on Monroe Street. He voiced concerns regarding residents feeding stray cats.

Mayor Hale asked that the specific location of the light pole be reported to the town hall.

He also stated that residents are throwing bags in the woods. The drops happen too quickly to contact the police. He was asked to call in the car’s tag numbers if possible.

Ms. Connie McClain of 39<sup>th</sup> Place questioned if there was any status on the boarded house of 39<sup>th</sup> and Newton Street. Inquiries have been made on the property. There is supposedly a prospective buyer for the home. She feels that the home is hindering the sale of other homes.

John Barr, Town Attorney stated that the County will put the house on the Tax Paid List. This will allow someone to purchase the tax deed on the house due to taxes not being paid on the home. They can get a deed to the house through the Circuit Court after purchasing the house via the tax deed.

Ms. Connie stated that she spoke with a contractor who stated that the gym is leaking. She stated that she seen the water leaking recently. Mayor Hale said that the contractor was most likely installing preventative measures to stop future leakage in the gym. John Barr, Town Attorney gave information on the gym floor and the reasons why the original damage occurred and necessary action to correct the causes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to adjourn Town Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.