

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale called the Town meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to call Town Meeting to order. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

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
John Barr	Town Attorney
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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARDS

Mayor Michael E. Hale announced Award Winners for each Ward. None were present to pick up their award. (See winners attached.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 13, 2012

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 Minutes.

Council Member Jackson asked for the Minutes to be tabled until the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the town had a good Holiday Party for the children.

Mayor Michael E. Hale also stated that the town had a Holiday Arts and Crafts sponsored by M-NCPPC.

On January 23rd, the town will sponsor the Four Port Towns Meeting.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – No report given.
- **Ward 2** – No report given.
- **Ward 3** – No report given.
- **Ward 4** – No report given.

POLICE REPORT

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

Santa with a Badge was held on Saturday, December 14th at the Wal-Mart with 5 children in attendance.

Toys, diapers and food items were purchased for the homeless family in the town with the excess funds not used for the Santa with a Badge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Building Lease

John Barr, Town Attorney, stated he has received a lease for the Police Department building from Michael Companies. He has made notes and comments on the lease and returned it to Michael Company for their review. This is an amendment to the current lease. The lease will be available for review and adoption by the Mayor and Council at the next Town Meeting.

Discussion

Council Member Jackson questioned if Social Services was still in the Police Building.

Chief Gibson stated that Social Services in at the Police Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm – 5pm.

Council Member Jackson also asked for an update on the gym floor repairs.

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer stated work should start between the 14th and the 21st. All work should be completed by February 1st.

Council Member Epps asked if children could skate on the flooring. Daniel Baden said he was not comfortable with skating on the flooring.

NEW BUSINESS

DHCD – MEA Weatherization Grants

Daniel Baden, Clerk- Treasurer gave overview of DHCD – MEA Weatherization Grant program and encouraged residents to apply to have the energy efficient upgrades completed on their homes. There are income guidelines for eligibility. (See attached.)

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the grant will help with windows, insulation, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler thanked the town for the Seniors Club Christmas Luncheon.
- Mr. Mutchler also stated that the town had beautiful Christmas decorations. Through his trips with the Fire Department, he felt that the town’s decorations were the best in all the surrounding towns he visited.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that there was a good turn out to the Holiday party.
- Ms. Blue also stated that the town will be having T-shirt Making class on January 12th and all participants must bring their own shirt. This is sponsored by M-NCPPC.
- An Insect Investigation class sponsored by M-NCPPC will be held on January 14th.
- January 16th will be an Arts & Crafts class also sponsored by M-NCPPC.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – No report given.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden stated that she attended a Christmas wine tasting event at the Riverdale House.
- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last Garden Club meeting was held on December 15th which 20 residents attended.
- The next meeting will be held January 19th at the Town Hall at 10am.

PGCMA REPORT – Council Member Epps stated that the last meeting was held on held at the Bowie municipality. The guest speaker was Phillip Chair and he gave a briefing on the Legislative Session and the items to be discussed.

- Ernie Baker from Pepco discussed winter storm preparations for residents.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP** – Council Member Epps stated that at the last meeting was held on December 13th. They discussed activities for the last two years and also discussed the CAP. The town must report the attendance of the Cooking Class and Zumba class.
- **PTCDC** – Next meeting will be held on January 29, 2013.
- **CERT TRAINING** – Mayor Hale said to call Judy at the Town Hall for more information.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The resident living at 3407 39th Avenue said she had just received the letter announcing that she had won the Christmas Award for her Ward this day. She stated that she believed that someone is tampering with her mail.

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that she should inform the Post Office. Chief Gibson also suggested contacting the United States Postal Office and making a formal complaint.

This resident also has concerns about a box truck being parked for several days. Chief Gibson stated that Police have already responded to that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to adjourn Town Meeting at 7:35pm.