

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion the meeting to order.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Michael E. Hale, Mayor
Lois A. 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
Tracy Stone, Media Coordinator
John Barr, Town Attorney
Brian Gibson, Chief of Police
Citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Discussion

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to accept the Agenda as written.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the Agenda as written. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – PARKING PERMITS

Mayor Michael E. Hale gave a brief history of the town being established in 1927 when there was most likely only one car per household. In today's society, there can be two or more cars per house. The town was not originally built to accommodate this type of population.

Options to cope with the parking issues included having restrictions on every street or limiting restrictions to streets that are narrower and parking is only allowed on one side. It was also stated that some homes do not have driveways.

The town has received complaints regarding the lack of parking spaces close to individuals' homes. It was the purpose of the meeting to allow the residents to voice

their opinions on the parking situation and how it should be handled. A document was distributed regarding this issue. (See attached.) After this meeting, the Council will discuss the parking again in order to try to make a decision.

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of proposed parking permits program in the town. Chief Gibson gave information on other municipalities' parking policies (See attached).

Citizen Comments

Residents gave opinions on parking permits in town and stated why they agreed or disagreed with the matter (See attached).

Dan Baden, Clerk Treasurer announced that the Parking Permit issue would be discussed again at the April 2nd Worksession and residents were encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL SPEAKER – PORT TOWNS SHRED DAY

Demetrius Givens, Chair Cottage City stated that Cottage City would like to partner with the entire Port Towns on a shredding event. Chairmen Givens stated that the total estimate for the shredding event will be \$600 for four hours.

Mayor Michael E. Hale asked if any citizen would be interested in a shredding event. Citizens stated that they would be.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 5, 2013

February 12, 2013

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

Motion made Council Member Jackson to approve the February 5, 2013 and February 12, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale mentioned the recent loss of his mother. He thanked everyone for their words of encouragement and sympathy.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

Ward 1 – No report given.

Ward 2 – No report given.

Ward 3 – Council Member Jackson stated that Wards 3 & 4 will have a Block Party on June 8, 2013.

Ms. Jackson reported that the PGEMW has scholarship applications available; the deadline is April 30, 2013. Kids in the Park Day will be held on May 18, 2013, volunteers are welcome.

Ward 4 – Council Member Epps stated that she would like to have a committee meeting for the Ward 3 & 4 Block Party in two weeks.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of the February 2013 Police Report (See attachment).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer stated that Mr. Forster, owner of the storage area behind the Police Department that the town utilizes had contacted the town regarding the building. He is asking that the town to start paying rent in the amount of \$450 per month for continued usage of the storage building.

Mike Goroum, Public Works Supervisor has inspected the contents of the building and advised that most items are unusable and should be disposed of.

Mr. Baden asked for permission from the Council to disposal of items in the storage building. He will sell items of value and donate those that have no value.

Discussion

Council Member Blue stated that she would like to review the recreation supplies that may be held in the storage room. Ms. Blue also stated that she would like to save the old chair for M-NCPPC's Summer in the Park program during the summer months because of the supplies the children use that might stain the good chairs. Dan Baden replied that storage is an issue and they will do the best they can.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to have Dan Baden dispose of the surplus equipment located in the storage facility.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to dispose of surplus equipment. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Jackson questioned if Community Folk Lift could be considered for donation of some equipment. Mayor Hale said that Cottage City would have first preference for chairs.

Introduction – Resolution R-1-2013

Colmar Manor Community Garden

Introduction – MOU w/Cottage City – Community Garden

John Barr, Town Attorney stated gave overview of Resolution R-1-2013 (See Attached).

He stated that this Resolution will establish a relationship between Colmar Manor's Mayor and Council and the Colmar Manor Garden Club. All funds collected and/or spent for the Community Garden by the Garden Club will be approved and dispersed by the town.

The other document was an MOU with the town of Cottage City. All funds dispersed by the PTCHP to the towns of Colmar Manor and Cottage City for programs sponsored by the PTCHP will be issued to Colmar Manor. Colmar Manor will be responsible for the payment of all invoices for the Community Gardens and Cooking Classes for both towns.

Ms. Myers, Office Manager has the Application and Rules & Regulations for the Community Garden. Mr. Barr will assist in reviewing to create a final copy.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to introduce Resolution R-1-2013.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to introduce Resolution R-1-2013. Seconded by Council Member Epps. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Senior Report – No report given.

Recreational Report – Council Member Blue stated that the following events will be held:

- An Oreo Cookie Making Class at the Town Hall on March 14, 2013 from 6-7pm.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 1-3pm at Newton Street Park.
- The Card Club will be held on April 4, 2013 from 7-8pm.
- An Arts & Crafts class will be held on April 10, 2013 at 4pm.
- The monthly Cooking Class will be held on April 17, 2013 at 6pm.
- Kids in the Park Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Neighborhood Watch – No Neighborhood Watch meeting. Replaced by Chief’s Coffee Club Meeting this month. The Neighborhood Watch meetings will resume in April.

ATHA – No report given.

Garden Club – Council Member Jackson stated that the next meeting will be March 16, 2013 at 10am at the Town Hall. The building of the garden will take place on March 23, 2013 9am.

PGCMA Report - Council Member Epps discussed a bill for state legislation that would reduce the amount of waste going into landfills by increasing recycling.

She also announced the four locations where the new regional medical center hospital may be built. The sites included Landover Mall, Largo Town Center, Morgan Boulevard and Whitmore Town Center.

Port Town Community Health Partnership – Council Member Epps stated that the PTCHP suggested that the Town create a Facebook page to promote events in the town because of the high visibility social media.

Ms. Epps stated that Kaiser will be observing the next Cooking Class and will also be conducting a survey.

PTCDC – Council Member Jackson deferred to Sadara Barrow, Executive Director of the Port Towns CDC. for the PTCDC monthly report.

Ms. Barrow said that they are continuing with their mural projects and will have an Industrial Revolution Mural in Cottage City and a Battle of Bladensburg mural on the side of the CVS in Colmar Manor. The projects will be completed by the end of the year.

Sadara Barrow stated that Riverview project is still in progress. The developer is still working on bringing this project to fruition.

Ms. Barrow also stated that the CDC is working on a façade improvement project for the Three Brothers Restaurant Shopping Center.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carrie Biggs-Adams, Garden Club Member who lives on Lawrence Street, invited everyone out to the garden building on March 23, 2013.

Ms. Paxton of 39th Place has a number of events she would like to suggest to the Council and wanted to know how she would do this. She was invited to the Receptions Council meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Mr. Ortego from 39th Avenue expressed his concerns regarding the separation of recycling according to bottles, cans, cardboard, etc.

Dan Baden explained that the County separates the recycling when it arrives at their facility.

Gene Gibbs from 4006 Lawrence Street questioned if the small yellow recycling buckets could be replaced by the larger covered containers.

Dan Baden explained that the larger containers are \$55 each and have to be purchased in lots of 500 at a cost of \$25,000 to the town. This would have to be considered by the Council during the next Budget Worksession.

Mr. Gibbs said he purchased his own containers but the trash people took them. Mr. Baden said to call the Town Hall to have his recycle bin replaced.

A representative from the Community Forklift invited everyone to a function at their facility on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Materials for growing would be available such as seeds.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Blue.