

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Motion made by Council Member Blue to call town meeting into order. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

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

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

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.

SPECIAL SPEAKER – PEPCO SPECIAL RATES

Special Speaker was not present at meeting.

SPECIAL SPEAKER – ATHA – Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director

Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director for ATH, gave overview of upcoming events and programs that ATHA will be hosting.

ATHA is heavily involved with events related to the War of 1812 – Battle of Bladensburg 200th Anniversary.

Mr. Marcavitch questioned the Council on their thoughts of having a replication of the duels at the Colmar Manor Dueling Grounds. He wanted to get their opinion of the obvious usage of guns in the community even though it is a historical concept. He asked that the Council discuss the matter and give him an answer at a later time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 5, 2013

March 12, 2013

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the Community Garden was started on March 23rd. Sixteen boxes were built and there are approximately ten more to build. They will consist of flowers and vegetables. The event was a success.

Mr. Hale also stated that twenty four residents in the town applied for the Weatherization Grant. Work has started on two of these homes.

The Town was approved again this year for MML's Banner City designation. A new date plate for the town's Banner City plaque will be issued in June at the MML Convention. The town has achieved this honor for three years.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue stated that Kids in the Park Day will be held on May 18th from 12pm-4pm. The event will be held in the field behind the Town Hall. This is a family day and all are welcome to attend.
- **Ward 2** – No report given.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson reported that WSSC has two scholarships available for college students with a major in Engineering worth \$1,000. Applications must be received by June 30th. She gave the website for the scholarships.
- Ms. Jackson also stated that Pepco will be donating 200 free trees to Maryland and DC residents. Pepco's website has more information.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that there will be a Block Party Committee Meeting for Wards 3 and 4 on April 25, 2013 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

- Ms. Epps reported that she and her daughter attended a CERT Disaster Relief Program. They acted as injured individuals during a disaster for the event. It was very educational and interesting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of the March Police Report (See attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Barr, Town Attorney gave an overview of the March Treasurer's Report (See attached).

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Connie McClain gave overview of the Senior's Club. Ms. McClain stated that the seniors will have a luncheon on May 17, 2013 at IHOP in Colmar Manor.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. There was a large turnout.

Ms. Blue also reported that the Recreation Council Meeting is the 1st Monday of each month. She asked for more volunteers or students who need Community Service.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – A Chief's Coffee Club meeting was held on March 27th. Code Enforcement issues were discussed. The next meeting will be held in May.
- **ATHA** – No report given.
- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the Community Garden building was a success. The Port Town Youth Council, residents, Cottage City residents and the Garden Club were in attendance. Their next meeting will be held on April 20th at

10am. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Next meeting will be held at Glenarden.

The appointment of the new Superintendent of schools was discussed. The Board of Education had a “Meet and Greet” with all candidates. All candidates have currently withdrawn their application.

The legislative priorities of the National League of Cities were discussed.

- **PORT TOWNS COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP** - No report given.
- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated that at the last meeting was held on March 25th. They discussed that the four Port Towns will now take over Ports Towns Day and the Legislative Dinner.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident of 3407 39th Ave questioned if the town could build a dog park. Council Member Jackson stated that she has asked Park and Planning about a dog park on the Colmar Manor Ballfields. There may not be land in the town to build a dog park.

Carrie Biggs, resident of 3909 Lawrence Street, encouraged residents to attend the Garden Club Meeting on April 20th at 10:00 p.m.

Ward 1 has had a good representation for people requesting garden beds. She has tomato plants and other seedlings that she will be donating to the Community Garden. She also picked up seeds at the Community Forklift.

Resident Connie McClain she has enjoyed the walking track in the gym in the mornings. She questioned if there has been any action on parking in the town.

Mayor Hale said that parking complaints will be addressed on a case by case basis for each Ward and each street. The residents will be a part of the decision on handling the problems.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the Town Meeting.