

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to call the Town Meeting to order at 7:02 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
John Barr	Town Attorney
Chief Gibson	Police Department
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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 2, 2013, Work Session**

**April 9, 2013, Town Meeting**

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

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to approve April 2, 2013 and April 9, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that Kids in the Park Day will be held on May 18, 2013 behind the Town Hall.

Mayor Hale also stated that the mayors of the four Port Towns are now preparing for Port

Towns Day.

Nineteen people have applied for plots in the Community Garden. More soil is to be delivered.

## **COUNCIL WARD REPORTS**

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue stated her concerns about snakes in yards due to overgrowth in yards.

Ms. Blue mentioned that dog owners are not cleaning up behind their dogs. She will have Rick Queen, Code Enforcement speak on these matters.

Council Member Blue also stated that there is still a problem with cars speeding in town.

- **Ward 2** – No report given.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson stated a concern about two vacant properties on Monroe Street that have been neglected. She questioned whose responsibility it is to clean the property. Chief Gibson stated that the Code Enforcer is working with the procedure of getting a contract company to clean up the property and placing a lien on the property for the cost.

Council Member Jackson stated that 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by Lawrence Street is habitually untidy and asked if it could be cleaned up.

- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps gave a reminder that the Ward 3 & 4 Block Party will be held on June 8, 2013 and it will be a Pot Luck event.

Ms. Epps asked about the M-NCPPC property in back of her home. She wanted to know if it would be mowed. Rick Queen, Code Enforcement said he had investigated with M-NCPPC but had not gotten any satisfaction.

## **Discussion**

Rick Queen, Code Enforcer gave an update on the process to be followed by the town for property violations.

Mr. Queen also gave information on how to keep snake sightings down by keeping properties clean.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of the April Police report (See attached).

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### Introduction Ordinance O-1-2013 - FY 2013-1014 Annual Budget

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-1-2013 FY 2013-2014 Annual Budget.

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to Introduce Ordinance O-1-2013 FY 2013-2014 Annual Budget. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

#### **Discussion**

Council Member Epps questioned if there was a line item for speed bumps in the budget. Mayor Hale answered that there was not a line item for the speed bumps for the 2013-2014 Budget. This item would have to be discussed with Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer to ascertain if it has been included in the Public Works budget.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to amend line item 5115 Port Town CDC to remove it from the annual budget. No one seconded the motion. Motion was not passed.

#### **Discussion**

Council Member Jackson stated that it was the previous censuses from the Mayor and Council to keep the line item for the Port Towns CDC in the annual budget without disbursing the funds. The funds would be used for ID badges for the Recreation Department. There is also the issue of possible changes with the PTCDC and the request to issue them the funds.

Council Member Blue stated that since we are not disbursing the funds there is no point in leaving it in the budget. Other expenditures could be created through new line items in the future.

These issues would have to be further discussed at the next Worksession to be held on June 4, 2013. Otherwise the budget would have to be amended at the Budget Hearing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler stated that the Senior Club will go to the Rod and Reel at the Chesapeake Beach in June for a buffet lunch and bingo. Mr. Mutchler also stated that his 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will be on May 15.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that Kids in the Park Day

will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> behind the Town Hall at 1pm.

M-NCPPC's Summer in the Park will be at the Town Hall starting June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The next Cooking Class will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Town Hall.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Dept.
- **ATHA** – No report given.
- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next Garden Club meeting will be Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Community Garden. Garden plots will be assigned that day. Seeds will be provided.
- **PGCMA REPORT** – No report given.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**- Council Member Epps stated that the town received the grant from Port Towns Community Health Partnership for completion of the Community Garden.
- **PTCDC** – No report given.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to adjourn the Town Meeting.