

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, October 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to call the Town Meeting to order.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to call the meeting to order. 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
Brian Gibson	Chief of Police
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator

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

August 13, 2013 Town Meeting
September 10, 2013 Public Hearing General Obligation Bond
September 10, 2013 Town Meeting

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

Motion made Council Member Blue to approve August 13th, September 10th Public Hearing and September 10th, 2013 Town Meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that Port Towns Day was held on September 21st and was a huge success.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue welcomed all of the new neighbors in her Ward. She suggested they come to the Town Hall with any questions they may have regarding town services.

Council Member Blue also stated that she had received a complaint about trash on 40th Avenue and Newark Road near the school bus stop.

- **Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden will review her resident complaints at a later time.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson expressed her concerns regarding individuals who are not working due to the government furlough. Computers are available at the Town Hall for those who may need to use them.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps reported that she had spoken to Chris Robinson, Acting Director for the Northern Area for M-NCPPC regarding the elimination of the access to the Bladensburg Waterfront Park via the dyke in Ward 4. He said that this was not M-NCPPC property it belonged to Prince George's County and the access to the park was taken away because of safety concerns. Council Member Epps will not pursue this any further.

Council Member Epps asked that residents be considerate when playing music and having parties.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson gave an overview of the September, 2013 Police Report. (See attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Barr, Town Attorney gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2013.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the September 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Discussion: Council Member Jackson asked about the Rental Income received. She wanted to know if the amount shown included rental fees from the churches that use the hall. Mr. Barr could not answer this question. It would have to be explained by Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer.

Council Member Blue asked that the approval of the September Treasurer's Report be held until Council Member Jackson's question regarding the Hall Rental income could be clarified. This item was tabled with the approval of the Mayor and Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Reggie Bagley gave an overview of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and its benefits to the Town and encouraged the Mayor and Council to allow the town to join.

Members of the Commerce are always looking for venues to have meetings and /or dinners. Colmar Manor could host some of these meetings and charge for the usage of the facilities.

Mr. Bagley gave several other benefits to the town for joining the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to join the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson for the town to join the Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – No report given.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated the Harvest Fest Party will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 5pm. Council Member Blue asked for new members and volunteers to join.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting would be replaced by a Coffee Club Meeting to be held on October 26th at 7pm.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden gave overview of ATHA meeting held on September 19, 2013 at the Berwyn Heights Town Hall. They discussed the Managing Board report and the budget as well as a grant received from Prince George's County in the amount of

\$100,000. Plans for the War of 1812 festivities was also discussed.

- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last Garden Club meeting was held on September 14, 2013. The Garden Club sold mums as a fundraiser. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th at the Community Garden.
- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Epps stated that Vivian Jackson has been elected as the Financial Advisor. Council Member Jackson stated that Adam Ortiz was a guest speaker at the meeting. He discussed watershed protection.

The PGCMA Legislative Dinner will be held on November 14, 2013 at the Newton White Mansion.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Berwyn Heights.

- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP-** Council Member Epps stated ECO City Farms will have a Food Day on Saturday, October 26th from 1-4pm at their farm.
- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated that the election for Board Members that was to be in October has been rescheduled until January 2014. Council Member Jackson stated that the PTCDC is looking for new board members. The PTCDC has hired a bookkeeper who is investigating previous year's records.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to adjourn the meeting.