

## Town Meeting

### Agenda

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order - Mayor Hale
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence - All
3. Christmas Decoration Awards - Mayor
4. Announcement of Delegate Candidacy - Former Mayor Diana Fennell
5. Mayor's Report - Mayor Hale
6. Council Ward Reports - Council
7. Police Report - Chief Gibson
8. Treasurer's Report - Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer
9. Unfinished Business:  
None
10. New Business:
  - Extension Lease Police Building - John Barr, Town Attorney
  - Kids in the Park Day – May 17th - Councilmember Blue
  - Flea Market Permit - Councilmember Epps
  - Maryland Black Mayors - Mayor Hale
11. Committee Reports
  - Senior Report - Mr. Mutchler
  - Recreational Report - Councilmember Blue
  - Neighborhood Watch - Councilmember Blue
  - ATHA - Councilmember Bowden
  - Garden Club - Councilmember Jackson
  - PGCMA Report - Councilmember Jackson
  - Port Towns Community Health Partnership - Councilmember Epps
  - PTCDC - Councilmember Jackson
12. Citizens Comments
13. Adjournment - Mayor

Please note: An Executive Closed Session will be called at this meeting.

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

**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 (Absent)
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

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

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARDS**

Mayor Michael E. Hale announced awardees of the Christmas Decoration Contest. None were in attendance. (See list attached)

Awards were given to Council Members of each Ward for distribution.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DELEGATE CANDIDACY**

Mayor Michael E. Hale introduced former Mayor Diana Fennell.

Former Mayor Diana Fennell thanked everyone for the support given to DeJanee Fennell, her daughter, in her journey as Ms. Black Maryland USA 2014. DeJanee will be sponsoring an event next month with one of the Washington Redskins at the Town Hall.

Mrs. Diana Fennell announced her candidacy for delegate of the 47<sup>th</sup> District (47A). She will be on the ticket with Senator Victor Ramirez. She also stated some upcoming fund raiser events she will be sponsoring for her campaign.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the town will be doing the Weatherization Program again the year after having much success last year. Twenty-two homes received upgrades in Colmar Manor. Letters announcing this year's program have been mailed to all residents with the exception of those who have already participated.

## **COUNCIL WARD REPORT**

**Ward 1** – Council Member Blue wished everyone a happy birthday in the month of January.

Council Member Blue also reminded residents about the new paper bag law for yard waste.

**Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden wish everyone a happy birthday in the month of January.

**Ward 3** – No report given.

**Ward 4**- Council Member Epps congratulated the students that had been awarded the Colmar Manor Scholarships.

## **POLICE REPORT**

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

Chief Gibson thanked everyone who was responsible for making Santa with a Badge and the Wounded Warriors Project a success in December.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the December 2013 Treasurer's Report (See attached).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Extension Lease Police Building**

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave overview of the fourth amendment to the lease for the 3611 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue building. The term will be extended from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at the current rate of \$1,000 per month.

Mr. Baden stated that a motion would have to be made to approve the fourth amended lease for the 3611 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue property and to give Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer the authority to execute the agreement on behalf of the town.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the amended lease.

**Motions** made by Council Member Blue to approve the fourth amendment to lease agreement for the 3611 43rd Ave property between the town and EHP, LLC and to have the Clerk-Treasurer execute the agreement. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **Kids in the Park Day**

Mayor Hale stated that the town had held Kids in the Park Day for the past two years (having been cancelled for rain last year). The town was considering having a “Colmar Manor Day” in place of Kids in the Park Day.

Item was tabled.

### **Flea Market Permit**

Council discussed possibly starting a Flea Market in the spring. Dan Baden recommended waiting until the next Worksession when Mr. Barr, Town Attorney would be available to answer questions. Location was a legal concern when utilizing property that was not owned by the town.

The Flea Market would be a town sponsored event held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Tables would be sold and funds to would go to the Recreation Council and Community Garden.

Item tabled. More research to be done.

### **Mayor Black Mayors**

Mayor Hale reported that the Maryland Black Mayors Association is holding a fund raiser at the Camelot on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Michael would like the town to sponsor a

table in the amount of \$500 and have the Council attend. He gave the particulars regarding the entertainment for the event.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler thanked the Mayor and Council for the Seniors Club’s Christmas Luncheon. Mr. Mutchler announced that he would 89 years old on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January and he and his wife had lived in Colmar Manor for 65 years.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue reported that the kids’ Christmas Party was a success this year. Mrs. Blue stated that Recreation Meetings are the first Monday of each month. Volunteers are still needed to join. Community Service hours are given to students.

M-NCPPC would like to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss having basketball from 9-11:00 p.m. in the summer under their supervision.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated the next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7pm at the Police Department.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden reported that she attended a Holiday Mixer with ATHA on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> ATHA members were invited to the Prince George’s Heritage Light Reception and Supper at the Mount Hope Cheverly Circle in Cheverly, Maryland which is the 1783 Plantation Home of Dale and Liz Templemantie.

- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last Garden Club meeting was held on December 7, 2013. Next meeting will be held on January 18, 2014. On February 15<sup>th</sup> they will disburse boxes to new members and in March the PTYC will help with new plantings.

Mayor Hale reported that he and Judy Myers had been in contact with the Port Towns Community Health Partnership regarding funding that has not been received for the Community Garden and Cooking Classes. The funding will be used for the fencing at the front and back of the garden.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next meeting will be held January 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 at District Heights Town Hall. The guest speaker will be the Prince George’s County Fire Chief.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**- No report given.
- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next meeting will be held on January

21, 2014 and will be their Annual Board Meeting. Mrs. Jackson also stated that the PTCDC is still looking for new board members.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Kurt Plunkte, 3304 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated that he had submitted a letter to Council Member Bowden stating his concerns in reference to noise issues regarding the train and neighbor's parties. He questioned if the letter had been circulated among the Council.

Mr. Plunkte stated that the town could apply for a Quiet Zone signal. Mayor Hale will ask the Public Works Department to check law on train noise. Mr. Plunkte questioned if monitors could be installed at the major entrances to town to cut down pretty crimes. Mayor Hale said that the cameras are a cost issue for the town. Chief Gibson is searching for grants but has not been successful to date.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to adjourn to a Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Epps. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **OPEN SESSION**

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to return to Open Session at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Epps. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Jackson to approve the sponsorship of a table for the Maryland Black Mayor's event at the cost of \$500. Seconded by Council Member Blue. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to adjourn the meeting.