

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale asked for a motion to call the Town Meeting to order. Council Member Jackson made a motion to call the Town Meeting to 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 – Absent
John Barr	Town Attorney
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.

GRACIELLA CARBONELL MEMORIAL

Jesse Christopherson, Council Member for the City of Mount Rainier stated he is organizing a Fund Raiser for Graciella Carbonell's family and would like to have it at the Colmar Manor Town Hall. Entrance is free but donations are accepted. Alcohol will also be served via a donation.

He reported that no one affiliated with the Town Hall had guaranteed the venue they were planning and that the flyers had gone out in error as a result of his enthusiasm for the project.

Mayor Hale stated that his was an issue that was best discussed in a Closed Session.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Diana Fennell, former Mayor, acknowledged the two electrical heater fires in the Town and introduced Damu McBride, Community Liaison for the Fire Department and members of the Bunker Hill Fire Department.

Damu McBride reported that he wanted to set up a Community Meeting with the residents of the town to discuss fire and home safety as well citizens' rights and responsibilities. It would be a 45 minutes to an hour session to also discuss recent legislation. These can be quarterly or monthly sessions. Mayor Hale said that the Town would work with him on this issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that he attended the MMA (Maryland Mayor's Association) Winter Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. While in attendance, he was able to participate on a tour of the State House and watch the State Senators and Delegates vote on the various Bills that were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 3, 2013 Worksession
December 17, 2013 Town Meeting
January 14, 2014 Town Meeting

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

Motion made by Council Member Epps to approve the minutes for December 3rd and 17th, 2013 and January 14, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

COUNCIL WARD REPORT

Ward 1 – Council Member Blue stated that she has received complaints about a chicken, rooster or wild bird in town. Mayor Hale said it was a rooster and he had reported it to the Code Enforcement Department

Mrs. Blue also reminded residents about the Social Service Department at the Police Department building.

Ward 2 – No report given.

Ward 3 – Council Member Jackson stated that Zumba is held at the Town Hall on Saturday's in addition to Monday's and Wednesday's.

Ward 4- Council Member Epps spoke about residents having smoke detectors in their homes. She thanked all that came out to help the residents who suffered losses during the fires in their homes.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson, gave an overview of the January 2014 Police Report (See attached).

Mayor Hale asked Chief Gibson to discuss a telephone scam in which people are being charged large fees for responding to sales calls. Do not call back.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Barr, Town Attorney, gave an overview of the January 2014 Treasurers Report (See attached).

Council Member Jackson questioned Line Item 5390 under Recreation. She requested an explanation of what it contained. Mr. Barr said that he could not answer here question and that Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer would have to respond.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – No report given. Bad weather has restricted them from having meetings. Mr. Mutchler will invite the Fire Department to one of their upcoming meetings.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** –Mrs. Blue stated that Recreation Meetings are the first Monday of each month. Volunteers are still needed to join.

Council Member Blue discussed a number of different programs that had been discussed with M-NCPPC at the last meeting. She asked that citizens voice their opinions on programs.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – No report given.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden gave information on the upcoming War of 1812 event. All activities will be held on Saturday, August 14th including the Monument unveiling at the Balloon Park and other festivities at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that Garden Club lost a member and town resident Graciella Carbonell.

Council Member Jackson also stated that there are garden plots available for spring.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next meeting will be held February 20, 2014 at North Brentwood Town Hall.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**- Council Member Epps stated that the next meeting will be held February 27th at 7pm at Bladensburg Town Hall.
- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated the last meeting was held on February 4, 2014 and eight new members joined the Board. The next meeting will be held on March 25th at the Bladensburg Town Hall.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bob Page, Graciella Carbonell’s husband thanked the Mayor and Council for all of their help and understanding in his trying time.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn to a Closed Session.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to go into a Closed Ssession.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a resume to Open Session.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to go into open session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion made by Council Member Blue to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.