

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Michael E. Hale asked 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 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
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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Michael E. Hale thanked Mike Goroum and Jerome Porter, Public Works for all of the work they have done keeping the streets clear of snow and ice during this year's snow storms.

Mayor Michael E. Hale announced the Maryland Black Mayor's Gala. He reported that one of the town's students would be the recipient of a Scholarship Award at the dinner.

Mayor Michael E. Hale reported that the town had received funding from PTCHP (Kaiser) to be used for the Community Garden and to re-establish the Cooking Class.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**February 3, 2014 Worksession  
February 11, 2014 Town Meeting**

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

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to approve February 3, 2014 Worksession and February 11, 2014 Town Meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

## **COUNCIL WARD REPORTS**

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue wished Council Member Bowden a happy birthday. Council Member Blue also reminded everyone about the new Brown Paper Bag Law for yard waste.

Council Member Blue deferred to Mayor Hale to announce the Re-Grand Opening of the Shoppers Food Warehouse and a donation to the town for an assist during a shoplifting incident.

- **Ward 2** – No report given.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson thanked everyone who attended the fundraiser for Graciella Carbonell’s family in lieu of her current passing.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps voiced concerns regarding vehicles speeding through the neighborhood.

## **POLICE REPORT**

No report given.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

John Barr, Town Attorney gave an overview of the February 2014 Treasurer’s Report (See attached).

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to accept the February Treasurer’s Report.

**Motion** made by Council Member Blue to accept the February 2014 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES MAYORAL ELECTION**

Tracy Stone, Media Coordinator, gave information on the upcoming General Election for the Mayor position to be held May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Town Hall. (See attached). Candidates

must be registered voters, at least 25 years of age and have lived in the town for one full year. Petitions will be available at the Town Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup> for those who want to run for Mayor. They must be returned by April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Residents from all four Wards are eligible to vote.

Tracy stated that this year's Election Judges will be Edward Mutchler, Renee Watts and Charles Cade pending the Council's approval to appoint them.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to appoint the Election Judges.

**Motion** made by Council Member Vivian Jackson to accept Edward Mutchler as the Chief Election Judge with Renee Watts and Charles Cade as this year's Mayoral Election Judges. Motion seconded by Councilmember Blue. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – No report given.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 19, 2014 with a Rain Date of April 21, 2014. Volunteers are needed to assist.

Ms. Blue briefly discussed pending programs to be sponsored by M-NCPPC this summer.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated the last meeting was held on March 6, 2014. The next meeting will be held in the month of April possibly outdoors.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden reported that ATHA will sponsor an event showcasing demonstrations by the Piscataway Indian Tribe on May 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Bostwick House.
- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the Garden Club has twenty four boxes in the Community Garden and has only one garden box currently available. The next meeting will be March 15, 2014 at 10am. Spring cleaning has been postponed because of the weather.

The Garden Club has collected \$61 from a Fundraiser they had.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Garden Club will be having their Earth Day ceremony and will be exchanging plants and seeds.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next meeting will be held on March 20, 2014 in Greenbelt. Mrs. Jackson stated that Maryland Municipal League will be in attendance to speak to newly elected officials. The program will also act as a refreshment course for currently officials. Credit will be given for this course.

- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP-** The PTCHP program is becoming self-sustaining per the requirements of Kaiser and will be under the umbrella of the Port Towns CDC.

Council Member Epps stated that Eco City Farms will have a Community Nutrition Workshop on March 22, 2014 at 10:24am at the Colmar Manor Town Hall.

- **PTCDC** – Council Member Jackson stated that the next PTCDC meeting will be held on March 25, 2014 with the new Board Members in attendance.

### **Discussion**

Edward Mutchler stated that the Carbonell Family Fund Raiser held at the Bunker Hill Firehouse collected almost \$2,000 to be distributed to the family. Several citizens from Colmar Manor were at the event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion** made by Council Member Epps to adjourn. At 7:22 p.m.