

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, April 8, 2014
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 Blue to call the Town Meeting to order. Seconded by Council Member Bowden.

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 (Absent)
Daniel Baden	Clerk-Treasurer
John Barr	Town Attorney (Absent)
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Michael E. Hale stated that the Maryland Black Mayors Association hosted a Scholarship Gala on March 28, 2014. Town resident Maliek Harding, a Bladensburg High School student, received scholarships from Maryland Black Mayors and District 47 for \$500 each.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 11, 2014 Town Meeting

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the March 11th minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve the March 11, 2014 Town Meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Epps was absent.

Mayor Michael E. Hale excused Council Member Epps from the Town Meeting.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue wished everyone born in April a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Blue thanked Rick Queen, Code Enforcement for his article in the Town newsletter clarifying code issues. Questions/concerns regarding citations received should be forwarded to Chief Gibson.

- **Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden voiced concerns of resident leaving trash out on non-trash days.

Mayor Hale asked that she report these incidents to the Code Enforcement Officer.

- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson voiced concerns about very small children darting out between cars and playing in the street at 42nd and Lawrence Streets. She asked that people drive slowly through this area.

Council Member Jackson also stated that the Delegate Scholarship deadline is April 30th. District 47 is having their annual picnic on May 3rd in Brentwood. This is a political year and the picnic is the time to meet the different people running for office.

- **Ward 4** – No report given. Council Member Epps absent.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Mary Sims gave an overview of the March, 2014 Police Report (See attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel Baden gave an overview of the March 2014 Treasurer's Report (See attached).

Mr. Baden announced the receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the PTCHP to fund the Town's Cooking Classes and Community Garden.

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

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Epps was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Election Update

Edward Mutchler, Election Judge Chair and Town resident, stated that Michael E. Hale and Sadara Barrow have registered to run in the Mayoral Election to be held on May 6, 2014 at the Town Hall. The hours for voting are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway Request – Ana Castro Gomez 3700 Monroe Street

Mayor Hale reported that the driveway for Ms. Gomez had been approved by the County and drawings were enclosed in the Council's packages for review. He recommended approval by the Town.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the driveway request.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the driveway request at 3700 Monroe Street. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The Motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Epps was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler stated that the County Fire Department gave a Fire Safety Presentation at the Senior's Club March meeting. Mr. Mutchler also stated that the seniors meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** – Council Member Blue stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 1pm at Newton Street Park. In case of rain, the party will be held at the Town Hall. Volunteers are needed.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated the last meeting was held on March 6, 2014 and two people attended. The next meeting will be held outside.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden stated that she attended a Governing Board Meeting at the Hyattsville City Hall on March 25th at which the budget was reviewed.

ATHA will be having a Maryland House tour on April 26th. ATHA will also be having a Bostwick Family Celebration on May 4th.

- **GARDEN CLUB** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last meeting was held on March 15, 2014 at 10am. She reported that there are two plots left. There will be seed exchange on April 19th.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Jackson stated that the last meeting was held on March 20, 2014 in Greenbelt. MML held a class at this meeting. The next meeting will be held in College Park on April 17, 2014.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**- No report given.
- **PTCDC** – No report given due to no meeting held. Council Member Jackson stated that President Obama visited Bladensburg High School.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Edward Mutchler stated that the America Legion has obtained a pro bono lawyer to represent them in their fight to keep Peace Cross. On Memorial Day, the American Legion will have an event at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park to support the Cross. Mr. Mutchler asked for everyone's support in this matter. The Cross has been at the location since 1925 and is not a religious symbol. It honors the forty-nine citizens of Prince George's County that were killed in World War I.

Tracy Stone asked to adjourn to a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into a Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to adjourn to a Closed Session. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion made by Council Member Blue to resume to an Open Session at 7:37 p.m. Second by Council Member Jackson.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Bowden to adjourn the Town Meeting. Second my Council Member Blue.