

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to call the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to call the Town Meeting to order. Seconded by Council Member Blue. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Sadara B. Barrow	Mayor
Lois A. 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
Brian Gibson	Chief of Police
John Barr	Town Attorney
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 16, 2014 Budget Worksession
May 28, 2014 Budget Worksession
June 3, 2014 Budget Hearing
June 3, 2014 Town Meeting

Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to approve the above listed minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to table the minutes for their review. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow reported on the following;

- She attended the Annual MML Convention in Ocean City, MD.
- The Star-Spangled Banner flag has been recreated from the year 1812. It was unveiled at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park with Governor O'Malley in attendance.
- She is working on parking issues, beautification of the town, crime in town, and tax rates.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue stated bulk trash should be put out on Tuesday night not over the weekend.

She stated that residents should be cautious of speeding in town.

- **Ward 2** – Councilmember Bowden reported that some of the residents in Ward 2 had complaints that the brown bags used for lawn waste tore when they became wet in the rain making them hard to manage. This is a Prince George's County regulation. Yard waste can also be placed in trash cans marked "Yard Waste".
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson discussed having conversations with residents in Ward 3 regarding keeping their streets clean.

She cautioned drivers to watch for children at play.

- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that children in Ward 4 will be having a Bake Sale Fund Raiser to raise money for speed bumps on Saturday, July 12th at the park on Monroe Street.

Council Member Epps also stated that the town will be having a Garage Sale on the Burger King parking lot on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Brian Gibson gave the June 2014 Police Report. (See attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the June 2014 Treasurer's Report (See attached).

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to approve the June 2014 Treasurer's Report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2014 Town Meeting

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to approve the May 13th minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to approve minutes for May 13, 2014 Town Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Epps. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Change in Speed Limits - Purchase of Speed Limit Signs

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow stated that she would like to change the speed limit to 20mph in town. State approval would be necessary to make the change. Mayor Barrow stated that she would like to purchase/change the speed limit signage so that they are more visible.

Marketing of Hall

Mayor Barrow discussed the hiring of a person who would be responsible for locating companies/individuals who would like to rent space in the Town Hall to gain income for the town. This person would work on a commission basis. She is recommending David Jacobs who worked with the town to obtain grant funding for the construction of the town hall.

Mr. Barr, Town Attorney, explained that the Marketing Agreement was a draft that he had prepared but wanted to further perfect prior to having Mr. Jacobs sign.

Councilmembers Blue and Epps requested more time to review the document for content and/or changes.

Item tabled, to be discussed in next public meeting later in the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction and Adoption Resolution R-1-2014 Support of Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, DHCD, MEA, FY2015

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow gave an overview of Resolution R-1-2014 Support of Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, DHCD, MEA, FY2015.

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to introduce and adopt Resolution R-1-2014 for the Weatherization Energy Grants.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to introduce and adopt Resolution R-1-2014 Support of Prince Georges County Municipal Collaboration, DHCD, MEA, FY2015. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Community Engagement

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow gave an overview of the Community Engagement program.

Mayor Barrow stated that she would like to implement neighborhood councils to help improve the town.

Discussion

A resident voiced concerns on the length of yellow lines on curbs and no parking signs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler stated that the Senior’s Club will be having their next meeting at the Golden Corral for lunch.
- **RECREATIONAL REPORT** –Council Member Blue stated that the next Recreation meeting will be held in September 2014.

Council Member Blue stated that M-NCPPC is utilizing the town hall for the Summer in the Park program.

Council Member Blue reported other activities in the town hall including Zumba, volleyball and basketball.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – Council Member Blue stated the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on July 24, 2014 at 7pm at the Police Department.
- **ATHA** – Council Member Bowden gave information on upcoming ATHA events regarding the War of 1812 in various locations in Prince Georges County.
- **GARDEN CLUB** –Carrie Biggs-Adam stated that the Garden Club will be selling brown paper bags for yard waste 2/\$1 as a fundraiser for the Garden Club.

Ms. Biggs-Adams stated that the Garden Club had a field trip to ECO City Farms. The Garden Club is also planning a Sustainability Day in July.

- **PGCMA REPORT** – Council Member Epps stated that the last meeting was in Ocean City during the annual MML Convention. County Executive Rushern Baker was the guest speaker.
- **PORT TOWNS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**- Judy Myers, Office Manager stated that the Port Town Health Partnership is working on updating the CAP for year three.
- **PTCDC** – No report given. Meetings to resume in September.

Discussion

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow gave an overview the items discussed at the July Town Work session.

Judy Myers, Office Manager gave an update on the EmPower Grant and benefits to the residents.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Yolanda Hawkins questioned comments made at a Cottage City Meeting that a former Commissioner in Cottage City said that Colmar Manor is going bankrupt. Mayor Barrow stated that this is not true. Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer said that the town has double the amount needed in reserve to cover the budget.

Resident questioned the hours for Public Works and Police Officers. She has not seen their presence in town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow asked for a motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion made by Councilmember Blue.