

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Barrow called the Town meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Barrow stated that the Celebration of the War of 1812 was a great success.

Mayor Barrow also stated that the Council is working on Block Captains for each block within the town.

The Mayor and Council had a meeting with residents of Ward 3 and 4 along with the Police Chief regarding the relocation of the Police Department.

The Community Engagement meeting has been rescheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Bowden is the new Liaison for the Recreation Council.

**COUNCIL WARD REPORTS**

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue gave some safety tips and thanked residents for cleaning their yards.

- **Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden shared concerns from a resident on 40<sup>th</sup> Place regarding a neighboring house whose yard needs to be cleaned.

Council Member Bowden encouraged any residents in Ward 2 who would like to be a Block Captain to call her and gave her contact information.

- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson thanked two residents for locking up the Monroe Street Park at night.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that the town will have a Black History Month Celebration on February 1, 2015. She is looking for volunteers.

Council Member Epps introduced the children from Ward 4 that had the Bake Sale to purchase speed bumps.

## **REPORT ON WORKSESSION**

There was no Worksession for the month of September. No report given.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Lt. Mary Sims gave an overview of the August 2014 Police Report (See attached).

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the August Treasurer's Report.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Police Office Relocation Update**

Mayor Barrow stated that she will be meeting with the property owners of the Police Department building to ensure that there will be a tenant available before vacating.

### **Hall Rental Update**

Mayor Barrow stated that the new rental rates are in effect. There will be a 30% discount for residents. Mayor Barrow also stated that Cabarets rentals are on hold until rules are identified.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY14 Budget Adjustments**

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the Budget Adjustments (see attached).

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to approve Budget Adjustments. Seconded by Council Member Blue. A motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **Walkability Audit and Review**

Mayor Barrow stated that the Port Towns Youth Council did a walkability audit years ago and the Mayor would like to update it. She has asked for community involvement.

### **Donation - Brown Funeral-Repast**

Council Member Blue asked if the town can donate food rather than flowers to the Butler family. (Sheila Butler, whose son died, is a Commissioner for the Town of Cottage City.)

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to approve the food donation. Seconded by Council Member Epps. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **Donation - Hoffman Funeral Flowers**

Council Member Blue asked for a flower donation to be sent to the Hoffman family. (Marion Hoffman was a former Councilmember for a number of years with the Town of Bladensburg.)

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to donate flowers. Second by Council Member Bowden. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mayor would like a policy to be designed and discussed at the next Worksession for how or when the town donates flowers in the future.

### **Attorney Barr noted:**

At a closed session at the August meeting, the Mayor and Council determined that a **diennial census** to restrict the Town was not necessary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Discussion not recorded. No notes available.

### **- SENIOR REPORT**

- **RECREATIONAL REPORT**
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**
- **GARDEN CLUB**

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Residents expressed concerns on safety and other issues as follows:

- 3418 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue - How can we open up Halloween to Trick or Treating again? The Mayor is open to an administrative action regarding this issue if brought forth by a group of residents
- Speed bumps on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor responded that we can borrow speed awareness sign from Bladensburg. Also noted the new speed signs in town.
- Parking Spaces – cars on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue are not parking efficiently. Suggests putting lines on street for parking.
- Jim – 40<sup>th</sup> Place – Speeding on 40<sup>th</sup> Place is an issue.
- Denise – 43<sup>rd</sup> Street is a blind corner. Need to put sign to slow down because it is unsafe.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Blue made a motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:05pm.