

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to call the Town meeting to order. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:**

Sadara B. Barrow	Mayor
Lois A. Blue	Council Member – Ward 1 - Absent
Cynthia Bowden	Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson	Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps	Council Member – Ward 4
Daniel Baden	Clerk-Treasurer - Absent
Brian Gibson	Chief of Police
John Barr	Town Attorney – Absent
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

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

**SPECIAL SPEAKER – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATHA**

Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director for ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area) gave an overview of activities and programs being held by ATHA.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 3, 2015 Work Session  
March 10, 2015 Town Meeting

**Motion** made by Council Epps to approve March, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to excuse Council Member Blue from the Town

Meeting due to illness. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Barrow gave update on activities for the month.

Mayor Barrow stated that the old Police Department has been leased to a Health Wellness group.

A Health Partnership Grant in the amount of \$15,000 has been received for the Community Gardens and Cooking Classes.

Mayor Barrow also stated that the town received \$50,000 via a Bond Bill with approval from the Maryland State House and Senate to purchase a property in the town.

## **COUNCIL WARD REPORTS**

- **Ward 1** – No report given. (Absent)
- **Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden stated that the town will be hosting a “Mamovan” event on July 9, 2015 for women 40 and older. Council Member Bowden also stated that the BasKIDball program will begin May 9, 2015 at the Town Hall for children age 2-12 years.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson stated that she handed out her welcome packages to her Ward’s residents. Council Member Jackson also stated that the Dueling Creek Academy is accepting registration for their program.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that she also handed out her Welcome Packages to her Ward’s residents.

## **REPORT OF WORKSESSION**

Mayor Barrow did not have her notes on the last Work Session. She will give her report at the next Town Meeting in May.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mayor Barrow gave an overview of the March 2015 Treasurer’s Report (See attached).

**Motion** made by Council Member Bowden to accept the March 2015 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Brian Gibson, Chief of Police, gave an overview on the March 2015 Police Report (See Attached).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Introduction & Adoption Ordinance O-1-2015 Establishment of Arbor Day**

Mayor Barrow gave an overview of Ordinance O-1-2015 Establishment of Arbor Day.

**Motion** made by Council Member Epps to Introduce and Adopt Ordinance O-1-2015 Establishment of Arbor Day. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **William Wirt Middle School Field Day Donation**

Mayor Barrow stated that William Wirt Middle School would like a donation for their Field Day program.

**Motion** made by Council Member Jackson to donate \$250 to William Wirt Middle School's Field Day program. Seconded by Council Member Epps. Motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

Discussion was held regarding what line item the funds should be taken from. It was the consensus of the Council to take the funds from the Port Towns Special Project Line Item.

### **Pesticide Ordinance**

Mayor Barrow gave an overview of the Pesticide Ordinance.

### **Maryland Black Mayor's Association Banquet Gala**

Mayor Barrow asked the Council if they would like to attend the Maryland Black Mayors Association Banquet.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor and Council Members only attend the event (no spouses to attend) depending on their availability.

**Motion** made by Council Member Epps to purchase tickets for the Mayor and Council to

attend the Maryland Black Mayor's Association Banquet depending on their availability. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0. Council Member Blue was absent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler stated that to date there are 21 members in the Senior's Club this year versus 32 members last year. He gave the dates and times of the meeting and encouraged Seniors to join the club.
- **GARDEN CLUB** – Carrie Biggs- Adams stated that the recent garden building was very successful. The Garden Club also cleaned out shopping center Rain Garden. Dates for Garden Club activities will be posted in the town's newsletter.
- **GREEN TEAM** – Carrie Biggs-Adams stated that the Port Town Scavenger Hunt is coming up. Contestants are needed. Grand Prizes are a rental in the year of 2016 for the Main Hall and the Outreach Room.

## **Discussion**

Council Member Epps stated that the town's Community Cleanup and Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Shotwell, Ward 4, voiced concerns regarding parking in the town.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Council Member Epps to adjourn Town Meeting.