# MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING March 19, 2020

- I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance remotely were: Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Derek J. Favret, L. Charles Fink, Lawrence P. Jaworski, Gregory J. Morris, and Keith L. Pardieck, Council Members, and Holly K. Wahl, Town Administrator.
- **II. Pledge of Allegiance**. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approve the Agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to watch the "Message from the Mayor" video on the Town's website providing information to the citizenry. The website will go live tomorrow with a COVID-19 resources portal that will provide updates and other useful information. The Mayor wanted to assure the citizens that the Town's main focus is clean water, toilets flushing, trash removal, and public safety.

### IV. Public comment on any item on the agenda.

The Mayor read into the record written comments submitted by James Graner, President of Southern Maryland Recycling, in regards to <u>Section X. New Business</u>, Item 1- Awarding of Trash Contract.

V. Approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Public Hearings.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Public Hearings. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

### Approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Town Council meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Town Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

# Approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Informational Work Session.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Informational Work Session. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

#### Approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Closed Session.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Closed Session. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

# VI. <u>Petitions and Communications</u> - None

### VII. Resolutions & Ordinances:

- A. Introduce Ordinance O-20-6, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the General Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and setting municipal tax rates. A public hearing will be held beginning at 6:50 pm prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2020.
- B. Introduce Ordinance O-20-7, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Reclamation Treatment Plant of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A public hearing will be held beginning at 6:52 pm prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2020.
- C. Ordinance O-20-8, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A public hearing will be held beginning at 6:54 pm prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2020.
- D. Introduce and vote on Resolution R-20-1, a resolution of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, appointing a new Resident Agent.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve Resolution R-20-1. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

E. Introduce and vote on Resolution R-20-2, a resolution of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, to allow temporary procedural modifications for conducting Town business while accommodating health and safety concerns arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve Resolution R-20-2. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

### VIII. Report of Officers, Boards and Committees:

- **A.** Planning & Zoning Commission No report.
- **B.** Board of Appeals No hearing held.
- C. Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society

- **D.** Economic Development Committee Councilman Jaworski reported the County has come together to provide support for our local businesses, through a group including the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, Southern Maryland Workforce Services and the Maryland Department of Commerce. They will provide assistance with recovery services which can be accessed through the website www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/coronavirus
- **E.** Twin Beaches Opioid Abuse Awareness Coalition Councilman Pardieck wanted to give a thank you to all those involved in making the first annual Health & Wellness Fair a success. Mr. Pardieck will compose an appreciative email to be sent out via email blast to all the organizations and individuals involved.
- **F.** Walkable Community Advisory Group Councilman Favret reported the anticipated planned public meeting is on hold now and if it turns into a prolonged hold, the Group will find another option in order to gather public comments. Councilman Favret will keep the Mayor and Council updated.

### IX. Unfinished Business: None

## X. New Business:

1. Council to award a three (3) year contract, with a one (1) year option to renew, for trash, recycling, bulk removal, disposal and tipping fees to Evergreen Disposal in an annual amount of \$543,180.00.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve awarding a 3-year contract, with a 1-year option to renew, to Evergreen Disposal for trash service. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

2. Council to engage the legal services of the Law Offices of Alexander & Cleaver.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Beaudin moved to approve engaging the legal services of Alexander & Cleaver. Seconded by Councilman Favret, all in favor.

### XI. Public comment was received by:

1. Todd Pounds of the Law Offices of Alexander & Cleaver thanked the Council for their approval of engaging his firm's legal services for the Town.

#### **XII.** Council Lightning Round:

- 1. Dr. Beaudin emphasized how important it is that everyone fill out your 2020 Census. Also, you can contact your local food pantries for their extended times of service. Stay well and follow all the CDC's guidelines.
- 2. Mr. Fink stated he attended an interesting meeting in North Beach in regards to the library. Mr. Fink stated this is a great opportunity for people to get involved. On another note, he

read an article that says walking is really good for you so during this pandemic crisis, get out in the fresh air.

- 3. Mr. Jaworski expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Mrs. Wahl for all their work and outreach during this pandemic crisis. For those who have not heard, today marks the first confirmed case in Calvert County. On another note, thanks to the Public Works and Water Reclamation Treatment Plant crews for providing us with fresh clean drinking water.
- 4. Mr. Morris asked the public to be patient and adhere to the procedures set forth in this pandemic crisis and we will all get through this.
- 5. Mr. Pardieck stated, that as of yesterday, the Calvert County Public Schools are providing free meals and snacks for all children ages 2-18 years old. These meals can be picked up, with child present, at the parking lots of Calvert High, Patuxent High, and Southern Middle Schools.
- 6. Mr. Favret echoed Councilman Jaworski's comments on the great job being done by the Town's administration and staff, and encouraged town residents to stay tuned to the Town's website messages and share that information with others. Call Town Hall with questions and concerns and working together, we will get through this.
- 7. The Mayor wanted to publicly thank and applaud, not only the Town Hall staff, but the men and women of Public Works and the Water Reclamation Treatment Plant who are vital to keeping this town running.

## XIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Beaudin. Seconded by Councilman Fink, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk