

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Cann – Present

Vice Mayor Wade – Present

Council Member Anthony - Present

Council Member Fowler – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Regina Foster Present

Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present

MVFD – Lt. Ethan Tulenko

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Ethics Ordinance Chapter 10 Adoption

- Term of 3 years for each Committee Member
- Limit amount for gifts shall not exceed \$50.00

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the Adoption of Ethics Ordinance Chapter 10. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**INTRODUCTIONS**

- RedSpeed representative gave an oral update to the Mayor and Council on the Speed Cameras.
- Burch Trash Services representative gave an oral update on services and answered question from the Mayor, Council, and residents.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2023, the Building Walk Through on August 22, 2023 and the Work Session of September 12, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

### REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Council Member Fowler** - Oral report on Skate Van & Ice Cream Social and would like the new credit card machines to be put in use.
- **Council Member Anthony** – Oral report on the municipal center newly contacted cleaning company and the purchase table and chairs.
- **Council Member Mullins** – No report
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report
- **Mayor Cann** – Oral report on Project Charge Grant, Fall MML Conference and PGCMA meetings.
- **Admin** – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker provided a written & oral report.
- **Public Works** – Mayor Cann read report from Micheal Johnson.
- **Police Dept** – Oral report
- **Code** – Code Enforcement Foster provided an oral & written report.
- **MVFD** – Lt. Tulenko gave an oral report

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### CHOICE CONCRETE

- Mayor and Council reviewed a Quote to repair the Apron at the Firehouse and Woodland Rd.

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to proceed with the quote to repair the Apron for \$11,125.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

#### REDSPEED

- Contract will not be signed until permits are pulled and given to the town.
- Send Attorney Todd Pounds questions to RedSpeed for their response.
- Council Member Mullins would like to start talks with regards to the current Red Light Cameras.

#### RED LIGHT

- Tabled

## **FALL MML CONFERENCE**

- Conference will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17, 2023 in College Park, Maryland.
- Mayor Cann and Council Member Fowler will attend.

## **MML FMLA TIME TO CARE ACT**

- MML is in the process of establishing a Collaboration to facilitate the new law for FMLA policy.
- The town needs to decide either to join the MML collaboration, self-administer or default to the state plan.

*Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Vice Mayor Wade to join the MML Collaboration. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## **PARK & PLANNING PROJECT CHARGE GRANT**

- The town received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 through Prince Georges County Council Member, Krystal Oriadha.
- Mrs. Foster will take the lead on this project and keep Mayor and Council up-to-date.
- Council will think of potential projects that could fall within the grant guidelines and to bring them forth at the October work session.

## **LED SIGNS**

- Hill Top signs are ready to and need moved out of the warehouse.
- Mayor Cann will reach out to Chief McKnight about utilizing the Fire Department as a possible location.
- New Scope may be needed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR** – FYI

- Recreation Council will gather all dates needed for the upcoming year, 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SALT AGREEMENT**

- Mayor Cann will sign the new agreement with PG County for FY 2023/2026

### **NTI**

- Mayor and Council reviewed quotes from NTI for Website and Email Services.

- Ms. Foster will follow-up with our current vendor Revise about a month-to-month contract or what type of notice they will require to terminate services.
- Website and Email conversions will be paid with ARPA funds.

***Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Fowler to have NTI take over email services, set up Microsoft 365 and the Website. Email services and Microsoft 365 \$381.00per month and \$8750.00 for the website. All voted aye. Motion carried...***

### **PEDDLER LICENSE**

- Food Truck vendor is requesting a Peddler License and the truck will park at 6818 Suitland Rd. with the owner's permission.
- Mayor & Council approved a Temporary Permit not to exceed 6 months and will review after that.

### **4704 BEAUFORD RD ABATEMENT**

- Abatement request made by Code Enforcement to abate trash pile in the driveway at the cost of \$400.00

***Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to abate the property at 4704 Beauford Rd. in the amount of \$400.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **CEZOA**

- The Town of Morningside will host the next meeting on October 19, 2023.
- The town will upfront the money and will be reimburse from the group.

### **TIMBERLINE TREE SERVICE**

- We received a flyer asking to be added to our vendor list.

### **NEWSLETTER**

- Mayor Cann asked that all Newsletter Article be sent in no later than October 12, 2023.

### **HALLOWEEN 2023**

- Council Member Fowler gave a report on the events for Trunk-or-Treating.

***Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to set a Halloween Budget in amount of \$800.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **PAY BILLS**

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for August 16, 2023 through September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$52, 915.21. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**OPEN FORUM –**

- Bonnie Kamenicky signed in but left prior to Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Foster  
Administrative Associate