

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 – Absent

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works Dept – Christopher Mateus

MVFD – Squad Staff – Absent

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to excuse Council Member Fowler from this meeting. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Adoption of update to Ordinance 16-201 & 16-201.1 Moving Violations. (Copy attached).

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to accept the updates. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Anthony to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2023 and the Work Session of December 12, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Admin** – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an oral & written report.
- **Public Works** – Chris Mateus read the Public Works report.
- **Police Dept** – Chief Stevenson read the stats for the month.
- **Code** – Mayor Cann read the report provided by Code enforcement Officer Regina Foster.
- **Council Member Anthony** – gave an oral report and provided another possible company – Muller Inc – for the Woodland Road project.
- **Council Member Mullins** – Gavr an oral report.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – Gave an oral report.
- **Mayor Cann** – Gave an oral report.

The mayor opened the floor to the public:

- Ebony from Pickett Ct – There are no streetlights in the Pickett Ct cul-de-sac and there are mostly women who live there. Could the Town see about getting a light in the court?
- Sarah from Allies Rd – Stated that there is a large feral cat population in the Town. Could the Council look into getting some funding/grant to trap & spay the cats. Something that is free or low cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker read the report from the Recreation Committee.

PGCMA Meeting

- The Town will be hosting the PGCMA meeting on March 21, 2024.
- Need to come up with a menu and a budget for this event.
- The Mayor has requested participation from all Council Members and staff.

RED SPEED

- Pete Mellits spoke.
- The permit for placement is final.
- Pepco will take a long time to drop electric for the camera placement, he suggests that the Town go solar to begin with.
- The cameras will be in boxes until the electricity is dropped, then they can be placed on poles.
- Hopefully the cameras will be up & running by the end of January 2024.
- Contact Mr. Lanier to see what the timeline is for getting the cameras up & running.
- Will RedSpeed make sure the calibration is kept up with the battery operation?
- Mayor and Council are ready to move forward.

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY

- The mayor reported that the holiday event at Dave & Buster's was a very good time for all that attended.
- It was suggested that the event happen earlier next year to avoid the holiday rush, especially parking.

LED SIGN UPDATE

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker updated the Council on the LED sign installations.
- Still waiting for permit for the Fire House, possible problems with flood plain.
- Getting electrical permits from Pepco.
- Will keep Council updated once we hear back from HillTop.

COMMUNICATION CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK DECALS

- The Council would like to use the Town Seal instead of the PW logo.
- 2 versions were provided but they still included the PW logo, not the Town Seal.
- Mike Johnson of Public Works will work with the decal provider to come up with an estimate for #3 - the Town logo without the stripes.

- The decal for the tailgate will wait until we actually get the truck and will come up with the design at that time.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to get decals for the new Public Works truck, not to exceed \$400. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY

- All articles are due to the Mayor by January 8, 2024.
- The newsletter will be published on January 16, 2024.
- Election in formation will be included in this issue.

PEPCO FEASIBILITY STUDY

- The Mayor, Vice Mayor & Clerk Treasurer had a virtual meeting with Tanko Lighting regarding the possibility of the Town purchasing the streetlights from Pepco.
- After looking at the bill, Tanko shared that it looks like the County is paying most of the streetlight bill.
- The Council decided not to pursue this matter any further at this time.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for November 23, 2023 through December 12, 2023 in the amount of \$104,218.69. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM – No one signed up to speak.

The Mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer