

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**

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

Admin – Regina Foster – Present

Public Works – Michael Johnson – Present

Code Enforcement – Regina Foster – Present

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTIONS –**

Dr. Delaine Smith-Clark

Senator Nick Charles Representative Mr. Benton

Prince Georges County Office of the Sheriff, Captain Dreibelbis

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2024, and the Work Session of March 12, 2024. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- **Admin** – Town Admin Regina Foster provided an oral report.
- **Code** – Code Enforcement Regina Foster provided an oral & written report.
- **Public Works** – Michael Johnson provided an oral & written report.
- **Council Member Fowler** – Gave an oral report on the Easter event.
- **Council Member Anthony** – No report

- **Council Member Mullins** – No report
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – No report
- **Mayor Cann** – Reported on the Quarterly Staff Meeting, Maryland Mayors Association Conference, reception at the Governors home, invited everyone to visit the new website, that the Town is seeking a new police chief, the new speed cameras, and upcoming elections.

The mayor opened the floor to the public.

- David Chambers thanked the Mayor and Council for all that they do with little compensation for their efforts.
- Resident - After reviewing the last newsletter she felt that some incorrect information was published about stray cats. She asked that research is done, and corrections be made in the next newsletter.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **TOWN VEHICLES FOR SALE**

- Mayor Cann reported that no sealed bids were received, and the Town will seek alternative options for the selling of the vehicles.

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the Easter event that was held on March 16, 2024, and the Senior Luncheon (TBD) and Skate Van and Ice Cream Social on June 22, 2024.

### **LED SIGNS**

- The Mayor and Council have identified three locations for the new signs, Glaubitz circle, Morningside Fire Dept and the VFW.
- Mayor Cann reported that the town is working with Pepco and waiting for permits.

### **ICIVIL**

- Mayor reported that the ARPA funds will be used for the infrastructure and other issues on Woodland Rd.
- Icivil representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- The Town is waiting on deliverables from Icivil.

## **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

- Mayor Cann reported that the Town will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and are planning a celebration in April.

## **SPEED CAMERAS**

- New Speed Cameras have been placed on Suitland Rd. near the Exxon Gas Station.
- Additional signage will be placed hopefully by the end of the week.
- Citations are currently in the warning stage but will start issuing valid citations after that.

## **COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PAYCHEX ELECTRONIC TIME SHEETS**

- The Town is moving into a paperless system with our current vendor.
- A one-time set-up and training cost of \$600.00 with an additional monthly cost of \$128.00 will apply.

*Motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve \$728.00 to be paid to Paychex for the new service and training. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP 2024**

- Spring Clean-Up will take place on May 18 & May 19, 2024, with a rain date of June 8 & 9, 2024.
- Code Enforcement Officer Foster presented a Budget of \$1745.00 to cover the expenses.

*Motion was made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the Spring Clean-Up Budget not to exceed \$1745.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

### **OUTDOOR FOOD PANTRY**

- Tabled

## **MML CONFERENCE – HOTELS**

- The annual MML Summer Conference will be held June 23, 2024, through June 26, 2024, in Ocean City, MD.
- The Mayor and Council reviewed all the options and selected the Double Tree by Hilton on Atlantic Ave.
- If attendees choose other accommodations, then the Town will not exceed payment of \$535.00 a night for 3 nights.

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the Double Tree by Hilton not to exceed \$535.00 per night. 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 February 21, 2024 – March 19, 2024, in the amount of \$73,577.66. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

## **OPEN FORUM –**

- David Chambers – Expressed concerns about the Night Club on Suitland Road with noise and light disturbing the residents in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Foster  
Admin Associate