

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works – Chris Mateus – Present

Code Enforcement – Regina Foster – Present

Police Dept – Pawel Szmidt

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTIONS –**

Clayton Anderson – Circuit Rider for Eagle Harbor, Morningside & Upper Marlboro

**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 March 19, 2024, and the Work Session of April 9, 2024. No further discussion. All voted aye.*

*Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- **Admin** – Clerk-Treasurer Rooker provided an oral & written report.
- **Code** – Code Enforcement Regina Foster provided an oral & written report.
- **Public Works** – Chris Mateus provided an oral report.
- **Police Dept** – Cpl Szmidt gave an oral & written report.
- **Council Member Fowler** – no report.
- **Council Member Anthony** – gave an oral report.

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- **Vice Council Member Mullins** – gave an oral report.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – gave an oral report.
- **Mayor Cann** – gave an oral report.

The mayor opened the floor to the public. No one spoke at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the Senior Luncheon to be held on April 23.

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

- Gina Foster gave an update.
- May 18 & 19 are the dates.
- The vet will be here on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> for shot clinic.
- Maybe a hazmat truck for tires & paint?

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

- There is a little issue with the food trucks.
- The date will be April 27<sup>th</sup> with the rain date of May 4.
- Need to choose a movie to show.
- Make sure to acknowledge past Council Members & Mayors.
- There will be colored bracelets for Council, Staff and Honored guests instead of tickets for the food trucks.
- 230 will be given out for the ice cream truck.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> QTR NEWSLETTER**

Is ready to publish on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **SPEED CAMERAS**

- No new signs announcing speed cameras are installed yet, the old ones are still up.
- Need a letter of support for speed cameras on Allentown Road.
- Get the current red-light camera contract to review.

### **COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR** - FYI

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT**

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker proposed several amendments to the FY24 budget.
- Copy of proposed changes attached to these minutes.

*Motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the proposed budget amendments for FY24. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**LAND PURCHASE**

- The strip mall currently containing Jiffy Shoppes, Room of Rage and Dunkin' Donuts is for sale.
- The asking price is 1.85 Million dollars.
- The Mayor would like to offer a letter of intent to purchase, that would give the owner 60 days for bid acceptance.

**CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE**

• If the Town does not raise taxes, it no longer has to have a tax rate hearing.  
*Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins to keep the current tax rates of \$.78 per \$100 value for real property tax rate and \$2.00 for every \$100 value for personal property tax rate. No further discussion. Roll Call vote: Fowler – aye, wade – aye, Mullins – aye, Anthony – aye. Motion carried.*

**PAY BILLS**

*Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for March 20, 2024 – April 16, 2024, in the amount of \$56,659.01. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**OPEN FORUM –**

- Council Member Fowler had a lost dog poster to share with all in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker, Clerk-Treasurer