TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00pm

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Bradly Wade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor Wade – Present
Vice Mayor Fowler – Present
Councilman Anthony - Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Council Member Chambers -Present
Admin – Regina Foster – Present
Public Works – Michael Johnson – Present
Police Dept –Chief Franklin - Present
Fire Dept – Sgt. Henry Dorm - Present

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
None

INTRODUCTIONS
None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Meeting on December 16, 2025, Work Session on January 13, 2026. No Discussion was had. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Public Works** – Michael Johnson provided an oral and written report.
- **Police Dept –** Chief Franklin provided an oral & written report.
- **Administration –**.Regina Foster provided an oral and written report.
- **Councilman Anthony** – provided and oral report.

- **Council Member Mullins** – provided an oral report.
- **Council Member Chambers** – provided an oral report.
- **Vice Mayor Fowler** – provided an oral report.
- **Mayor Wade –** provided an oral report.
- **Fire Department –** provided an oral report.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- Mr. Aldrige asked if the town has a plan for power outages, information on crime trends and if municipal center server issues will affect the town.
- Ms. Spivey – Asked if we know what is going to occupy the old yellow and black tire shop on Suitland Rd. Also, she has concerns about the Food Truck located at the Beer & Wine Shop on Suitland Rd.
- Mr. Proctor – Reports that the Police Department is doing a fantastic job with speeding cars on Suitland Rd. but still has concerns with cars passing on the double line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PGCMA

- Vice Mayor Fowler and Admin Rooker attended the meeting and reported it was a nice event.
- Mayor Wade logged in virtually.

Employee Handbook

- Tabled until February's meeting.

Community Board

- Councilman Anthony would like to add a Community Board to our website.
- This feature will allow businesses and residents to announce events, ads, etc.
- The town will add a disclaimer/hold harmless statement to the tab.
- No vote is necessary we can just move forward.

Lou Lane Project

- Mayor Wade is excited to announce a possible project that will add enhancements to Pickett and Lou Lane.
- They are currently waiting for quotes for the project.
- Hopefully, this project can start in the spring of 2026.

Project Charge

- Administrative Associate Foster provided an update.

Woodland Road Project

- Councilman Anthony gave an update on the project and thinks is going to come in way under budget.
- Councilman Anthony is waiting on the final change orders, and he will review and submit for payment.

Shared Mailbox

- Councilman Anthony feels that giving Susan Mullins access to the Rec Committee email account is necessary.
- We will need to add an additional Microsoft 365 account.
- Mayor Wade would like that account to be exclusively monitored by Susan Mullins and Vice Mayor Fowler. Any other users will need to be removed.

Motion was made by Councilman Anthony seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to move forward with the shared email account and purchase a new Microsoft 365 for the sum of $72.00 annually. This account will be exclusively monitored by Susan Mullins and Vice Mayor Fowler. No Discussion was had. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Youth Services

- Mayor Wade asked Vice Mayor Fowler to share the information with Mr. Johnson so he could also attend the meeting.

Communications Calendar

- Mayor and Council reviewed the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

MML Summer Conference Accommodations

- Mayor and Council reviewed hotel options for the conference.
- They want to get the accommodations made early due to the Air Show also being in town at the same time.
- Councilman Anthony suggest that the town set a flat nightly rate of $564.00 and attendees can choose their own accommodations.
- The $564.00 is a mid-point rate between all options per the survey.

Motion was made by Councilman Anthony seconded by Council Member Mullins to set a nightly rate of $564.00per night, total of $1692.00 plus all applicable taxes and fees. No Discussion was had. Roll Call Vote: Councilman Anthony -aye, Council Member Mullins- aye, Council Member Chambers – aye and Vice Mayor Fowler – aye. Motion carried.

4th of July

- Mayor and Council reviewed the Contract for the FY2026 Fire Works Display.
- Discussion was had about using some funding from the Project Charge Grant again this year,

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to move forward with Fantastic Fireworks for the 2026 4th of July Fire Works display in the amount of $22,000.00. No Discussion was had. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MML Memorandum of Understanding

- Discussion was held as to whether this was already brought before the council.
- Councilman Anthony thinks the one prior was from Pg County not MML.

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to sign the agreement between the Town of Morningside and the Maryland Municipal League All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to pay the bills for December 17, 2025 – January 20, 2026, in the amount of $241,096.54. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM –

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Regina Foster

Regina Foster Administrative Associate