

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 14, 2022 @ 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Town Treasurer Tinelli, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Town Attorney Ferguson, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. Council Member Blount asked that the Senior Gala discussion be placed onto the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the October 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney: Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Discussion

Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson, was at the meeting to discuss a new, proposed Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. An Ordinance Introduction would be on the regular meeting agenda.

Sam Parker, AMAN Trust Board Member: Bostwick House buttress presentation

Mr. Charnovich provided a brief overview of this topic and turned it over to Mr. Parker, AMAN Trust Board Member. Mr. Parker provided an overall summary of this proposed project. Mr. Parker explained that archaeology work was still needed at the site in conjunction with the rebuilding of the buttress. Archaeology cost is \$19,280. Total cash amount of \$116,548.00, \$19,280.00 would be reimbursed. Council Member Route asked a question as it relates to the procurement process. Mr. Parker indicated that the Maryland Historical Trust process was followed to publicly bid the project. Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson advised the Town Council that the public bid process that AMAN Trust undertook was sufficient. Council Member Brown asked questions related to the timeline for the projects. Mr. Tinelli provided guidance how this could be funded in the Town budget. Mayor James recommended that a vote be taken on this at the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Update: Thanksgiving Dinner Food Distribution Event on November 19

Mayor James provided an update on the planning for the November 19 Thanksgiving meal distribution that will take place at the Bladensburg High School.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement Police Vehicle Purchase

Chief Collington presented this item. An incident occurred where a driver wrecked into a police vehicle that was damaged beyond repair. Chief Collington recommended that a replacement vehicle be purchased. Council Member Route asked if these types of police vehicles came in hybrid models.

Police Cameras in Cars to pair with Body Cams

Chief Collington presented this item and requested that the Town consider purchasing in-car cameras that will pair with the body cameras that the officers wear. Chief Collington informed the Town Council that the same vendor was chosen because the Town already has the technology in place for the body cameras from this vendor.

Police Mobile Camera Trailers

Chief Collington presented this item and stated that a developer in the community wanted to partner with the Town on a police mobile camera. The Town and developer would each pay for half of the camera.

Lobbyist Services Proposals

Mayor James indicated that two proposals were received for lobbyist services. Mayor James asked Mr. Charnovich to summarize the two proposals received.

Human Resources Consultant

Mayor James asked Mr. Charnovich to provide an update on this process.

Senior Gala

Council Member Blount presented this item. The Senior Gala will occur on December 8, 2022 at the Bladensburg Community Center. The theme is A Winter Wonderland.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to adjourn the work session, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.