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**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:00pm
This meeting was entirely virtual (Zoom)**

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, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Treasurer Tinelli, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor James asked Council Member McBryde to say the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James asked Council Member Brown to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. Mayor James indicated that several items would be added to the agenda such as the Mosquito Spraying Program, Growing Green With Pride Event, Mental Health Awareness Day, and End Harvest Ministries Banquet. The motion passed 5-0 to approve the agenda and include the additional items.

APPEARANCES

Police Department: Promotion and Swearing In

**Corporal Ryan Harris (promotion)
Officer Kane Tapscott (swearing-in)**

Chief Collington introduced Mayor James to swear in Officer Kane Tapscott and the promotion of Corporal Ryan Harris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Council Member Route which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read one public comment into the record from Town resident, Carletta Lundy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board of Supervisor of Elections Appointments

Town Clerk Charnovich announced the candidates received for the Board of Supervisor of Elections. Mayor James announced the following candidates up for nomination to the Board:

Pat Williams
Carletta Lundy
Elizabeth Saunders
Judy Sojourner

A motion was made by Council Member Blount which was seconded by Council Member Route to approve the 4 candidates. The motion passed 5-0.

Legislative Letters of Support

i. CB-042-2023 – Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Program Act of 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Brown to send a letter of support for CB-042-2023. The motion passed 5-0.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

3rd Quarter Budget Review

Town Treasurer Tinelli made a presentation regarding a 3rd Quarter review of the FY23 budget.

FY24 Budget Introduction

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided a summary overview of the FY24 budget. Public budget sessions will be held in April, May, and June, virtually.

End Time Harvest Ministries 2023 Graduation Banquet

Mayor James introduced this item. Seven (7) Bladensburg residents would be graduating from the End Harvest Ministries Program. A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to purchase a table for the 2023 Graduation Banquet and for providing \$500 gift cards to each of the 7 graduates from the Town of Bladensburg. The motion passed 4-1, with Council Member Route against.

Purchase of Police Department Mobile Data Computers and Associated Equipment

Mayor James asked Chief Collington to present this item. Chief Collington made a presentation related to the procurement of mobile data computers and associate equipment for police vehicles to be purchased with speed camera revenue. \$210,049.00 is the total cost of the purchase off the state contract. A motion was made by Council Member Blount to approve which was seconded by Council Member Route to approve the purchase. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Month Proclamation

Town Clerk Charnovich read a 2023 Earth Month Proclamation into the Record. A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

Annexation Specialist RFP

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Small Cell Tower Application Process

The Town Council discussed this topic and authorized Town Clerk Charnovich to work with Town Attorney Ferguson on the administration of these applications.

Ethics and Financial Disclosure Form Amendment Ordinance

Town Clerk Charnovich read the Ordinance into the Record for the Introduction. A motion was made to approve Ordinance 6-2023 by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

Mental Health Awareness Fair

Council Member Route provided an update on the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Fair which will take place on May 6, 2023.

Growing Green With Pride Event

Mayor James presented the details of the upcoming Growing Green with Pride Event on April 22 and 23, 2023.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety & Code Enforcement; Town Clerk & Interim Town Administrator; Public Works

Town Treasurer Tinelli yielded his time.

Chief Collington provided the public safety report.

Town Clerk and Interim Town Administrator Charnovich yielded his time.

Public Works Supervisor Hall was not in attendance to provide a report.

Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart provided the code enforcement report.

Mosquito Spraying Program

Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart presented information on the 2023 mosquito spraying program that the Town of Bladensburg would be participating in. A formal motion was made by Council Member Route to participate in the 2023 mosquito spraying program. The motion failed for lack of a second. It was determined a formal motion was not needed to participate in the program.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Route – Ward 1

Council Member Route presented her report.

Council Member Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown presented her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde yielded her time.

Council Member Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount presented her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James presented her report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

