

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022 7:00pm

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, Town Marketing Specialist Jefferies, and Code Supervisor Rinehart. Mayor James asked if a moment of silence could be held for the events of September 11, 2001.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member McBryde said the opening prayer, and a moment of silence was held for the events of September 11, 2001.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All participants joined in saying 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 Route. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

Police Department Swearing In: Major Cedric Dickerson

Chief Collington introduced Major Dickerson and provided a bio on his career to date. Mayor James administered the oath of office for Major Dickerson.

Police Department Swearing In: Lieutenant Richard Poole

Lieutenant Poole had a commitment and was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Collington introduced Rocky, the new emotional support dog for the police department.

280th Celebration Event Update, Ray Jefferies, Marketing Specialist

Mr. Jefferies was in attendance to provide an overview of the upcoming 280th Celebration Event that will take place on October 22, 2022 at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was second by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jefferies read one public comment into the record from Town resident, Susan McCutchen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

ARPA Funding Update

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided an update on American Rescue Plan Act funding (ARPA).

NEW BUSINESS

Changing Regular Town Council Meeting Date in October 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Blount to move the Town Council Meeting to October 3, 2022. The motion passed 5-0.

Consultant RFP for New Municipal Center and New Trade School

A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to authorize staff to move forward with obtaining the services of a consultant to advise the Town related to the construction of new municipal center and new trade school in Bladensburg. The motion passed 5-0.

Rental Stabilization Program

This item was tabled until the October Council Meeting, when further discussion would occur with the Town Attorney.

Chesapeake Bay Urban Tree Grant Program

Mayor James read an email into the record announcing that the Town was awarded a grant for tree planting in the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023.

Speed Camera Program

Chief Collington provided an update on the Bladensburg speed camera program.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Mayor James provided a report to the Council on her joining the organization Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided the finance and budget report.

Chief Collington provided the public safety report.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart provided the code enforcement report.

Town Clerk Charnovich was not in attendance at the meeting to provide a report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Brown – Ward I

Council Member Brown provided her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward II

Council Member McBryde provided her report.

Council Member Blount – Ward II

Council Member Blount provided her report.

Council Member Route – Ward I

Council Member Route provided her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James provided her report.

ADJOURNMENT

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