

TOWN OF MILLINGTON
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

Present: Mayor CJ Morales
Council Wayne Starkey
Council Kevin Hemstock
Council Eli Manning
Council Michelle Holland

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Sgt. Stuart Lodge of Kent County Sheriff's Department, David Wright,
Attorney

Call meeting to order: Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2020 meeting was entered by Council Hemstock; a second by Council Starkey vote of 5-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Stuart Lodge presented the monthly report. For the month of February, the Department worked 39 enforcement hours resulting in 34 warnings and 6 citations issued. There were 13 non-criminal calls for service and 0 criminal complaints.

Closed Session: At 6:40 PM, a motion to close the open meeting and go into closed session to discuss future litigation between the Town and Kent County for water system repairs and costs was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, a vote of 5-0 was entered. A motion to open the closed session was entered by Starkey, a second by Hemstock, a vote of 5-0 was entered. At 7:00 PM, a motion to adjourn from the closed session was made by Hemstock, a second by Starkey, a vote of 5-0 was entered. A motion to re-open the public meeting was entered by Starkey, a second by Hemstock, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: Reviewed. Council reviewed a recently received letter from MDE regarding violation and fine for sewer overflows from 2014 – 2019. It was agreed to reply with a letter stating we are not financially able to pay the fine and that all reports were filed as required.

Town Administrator Report: Reviewed. As part of the financial reports, Jo submitted price quoting to purchase chairs for the meeting room, chairs for the Council table, and flag displays for the front of the building. A motion was entered by Starkey, a second by Hemstock to purchase the flag displays for installation on the front of the building, a vote of 5-0 was entered. Discussion followed regarding the purchase of the chairs; this will be tabled to allow for review from other sources.

Engineer's Report: none provided

New Business:

A discussion ensued regarding the Skateboard Park and the condition of the ramps. It was agreed to remove the ramps due to potential for injury but leave the area fenced in for skateboarder's use. When reviewing the future of the park with no playground equipment, a potential soccer field, etc.; it was agreed to consider the installation of curbing and small ramps along the walking trail for skateboards as is currently at the Goldsboro Town Park.

Draft budget worksheets were distributed and reviewed. As per conversation at the February meeting regarding the shortfall for both the general fund and the utility fund; worksheets were presented showing increases in the property tax rate and the utility rates. A notice will be published announcing the possibility of rate increases and discussion at future meetings.

At the present time there is a vacancy on the Board of Appeals due to the resignation of T. Edward Robinson. Ann Kenney has submitted her name as interested in filling this vacancy. Council agreed to invite Mrs. Kenney to a future meeting to be sworn in as a member of the Board of Appeals.

There have been complaints about the bus stop at the intersection of Crane and Cypress Streets. Council agreed this should be directed to the Board of Education's Transportation Department.

Public Comments: no public comments

Council comments: no comments

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to review.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM was entered by Council Hemstock, seconded by Council Starkey, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning
Town Administrator