

**TOWN OF PRINCESS ANNE
PRESIDENT AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
June 7th, 2021 at 6:00PM.
LOCATION: Garland Hayward Youth Center
Princess Anne, Maryland, 21853**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Motion to Accept Agenda
- IV. Merit Award Presentation
 - Presented by Garland Hayward.
 - Miss Shirley Sicard cleans up Antioch Ave.
- V. New Staff Introduction: Alexis Bynum, Mary Guerrero, Tierra Selby.
 - New Town Hall employees.
 - Clayton Anderson introduced Alexis Bynum
 - Brandie Bozman introduced Mary Guerrero and Tierra Selby.
- VI. Covid Vaccination Presentation Health Department
 - Sharon Lent from Somerset Health Department.
 - Updating about Covid.
 - Encouraging people to get a vaccine.
 - 25% of the Princess Anne community is fully vaccinated.
 - As a county it is about 31%
 - The numbers are extremely low.
 - The health department can come to you. Come to your workplace, church site.
Etc.
 - Someone from the community asked did the Health Department have any recent numbers of people who came in contact with Covid.
 - Chris from the Health Department responded by saying no they did not have any numbers with them.
 - Commissioner Marshall Corbin spoke and if you had covid, get the covid shot you can still get covid again.

- Sharon responses was Yes but not as severe because taking the shot can prevent you from ending up in the hospital.
- Commissioner Marshall Corbin asked will there be a booster shot available.
- Sharon responded by saying it may or may not be one but once that information is released to the Health Department then they will release it to the community.
- Dale Parker Pres. Of CROPA, was concerned as to why the numbers of the vaccine were so low since it has been out for months.
- Sharon responded they are encouraging people to get the vaccine.
- Another person from the community asked about the mask rules and regulations.
- Sharon responded by saying it is up to the individual business but the CDC has announced that if you are fully vaccinated you do not need to wear a mask.

VII. Process Integration.

- Motion to accept them onto the agenda
- All accepted.
- Scott Wade, has been working with the County Zoning and Planning to build a building in the industrial park. The building is being relocated here because the location in Ocean City is way to small for the work that is being done. The purpose for this building is weighing products for meat and poultry process using robotics.
- Proposed for a Zoning Certificate and Grading Permit.
- The Zoning Certificate and Grading Permit was accepted.

VIII. 2021-2022 Budget 1st Reading

- The budget presented it is a balance budget which included the debt that the town is in, hiring staff and helping the community.
- Clayton Anderson went over where the money is being used in each department.
- Copies of the budget can be picked up at Town Hall.
- Pres. Lionel Frederick comments that the police take up 50% of the budget due to them protecting and serving the community.

- Vice Pres. Garland Hayward agrees with how the budget is the set up.
- Commissioner Joey Gardner had a couple concerns, the Town still needs a Nuisance and Abatement officer, Code Enforcement officer and Code Compliance director. He also mentions there is a company that now does our building inspections. The \$75.00 a year for trash does not cover the entire cost of picking up the trash and taking it to the landfill. Find a way to not increase the tax percentage. Cut \$51,000 out the budget to prevent the tax credit. Could possibly sell a town car, find a Code Director by the middle of the year to replace First State, have commissioners give up their cell phone stipend.

IX. Review of Boards and Commissions

X. Selection- Drainage Study Consultant.

- Extensive flooding in Somerset Landing.
- The study is to help figure the problem as to why things are not draining properly during bad weather.
- Proposed to move forward with the study, all accepted.

XI. Citizens comments

- Dale Parker Pres. Of CROPA had a few questions one what is the process for the budget and when will it be at its final approval? In response Mr. Wilbur said there will be a public hearing at the next meeting at the next Work Session in two weeks then the commissioners will vote on the second hearing for the budget. Second question does the budget include something directly for the citizens of the Princess Anne. He then asked did the budget include anything for Economic Development as far as local business and entrepreneurs. In response to these questions Town Manager Clayton Anderson responded by saying there is a section in the budget for Economic Development.
- Joe Charles, had a concern about the roads on Drexwood. The roads are being damaged due to construction of new houses. Equipment being left unattended and blocking roadways. Also concerned about the excessive speeding that happens in the neighborhood as well.

XII. Adjournment

- Parts of this meeting may be closed due to Real Estate or Personnel Matters.
- This meeting will be open to the Public. Attendees must practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet apart and wearing a face covering.