

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING May 10, 2021

This meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19. The meeting was programed to be live streamed through Town Hall Streams. Notice of the meeting and streaming was posted on the town message board and the town website. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the town website by Friday May 7, 2021.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Roll Call - Councilmembers present; Cephas, E. Murphy, Franz, R. Murphy and Cummings, Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda - Motion E. Murphy, second Franz, vote 5/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session April 12, 2021 Motion E. Murphy/Cummings, approved 3/0, 2 abstain.

Work Session April 26, 2021 Motion E. Murphy/R. Murphy, approved 3/0, 2 abstain.

Fire Department Report – Chief Colbourn reported they responded to 116 calls this year by end of April. They will have a chicken barbecue sale June 5th. Chief said that their insurance will cover the majority of the cost of repairs to the siren. They are looking at purchasing some new rescue equipment. They are looking at replacing 3 rescue tools with battery powered ones at the cost of \$42,500. They are looking for grant funding and donations to help cover the cost of the equipment. Brian Tolley said that the control box for the siren will be covered by insurance less a \$500 deductible. The battery replacement will not be covered by insurance or Dorchester County. **After some discussion Cephas made a motion that the Town pay for the cost of the battery replacement and the \$500 deductible, second by E. Murphy. Vote 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Police Report – Major Biskach gave the report. Cephas said it is good to see Major Biskach. Major Biskach thanked Cephas and said it is good to be back.

Avery gave the Public Works report; the wall work on the library is close to being finished. Cleaning of the inside of the water tower is to be done this year. Water main flushing is being scheduled for the near future. The application for a baseball field and basketball court at the N. Main Street Park has been approved pending funding from Maryland Board of Public Works. Spring Clean-up went very well, 7 dumpsters were filled. Currently there are 5 houses undergoing full renovations, they have been vacant for many years.

Old Business – Cephas motioned to approve Resolution 2021-2, amending employee vacation and holiday policy, second by Cummings. The motioned passed with 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Avery explained Budget Ordinance 2021-3 which was introduced by Councilman Cephas. Motion to approve the 2022 Budget by Ordinance 2021-3 by Earl Murphy, second by Russ Murphy. Roll Call vote:

Cephas	Aye
E. Murphy	Aye
Cummings	Aye
Franz	Aye
R. Murphy	Aye

Cephas introduced Ordinance 2021-5 amending the minimum required square footage of a free store in the Commercial-3 Zoning district from 50,000 to 5,000.

Avery explained the proposal from Davis, Bowen and Friedel to do the design work for the Jackson Street Pump Station. Motion to go ahead with design for the Wastewater Plant Jackson Street pump station renovation. Second by Cummings, vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Comments – R. Murphy praised Public Works for great job they do. E. Murphy said he is very supportive of police and fire department personnel. They lined the highways when the fallen Delmar police officer was brought home. Cephas thanked the people who gave him support when he recently lost a grandson. He thanked Chief Jones and Mr. Avery who offered him support at his grandson’s funeral.

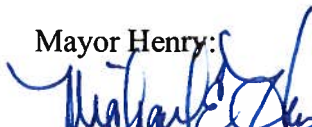




Mayor Henry asked Avery how many people were vaccinated at the FEMA site in town. Avery said 64 had been vaccinated the first 3 days.

The May 24th meeting is to be a work session.

7:10 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:
Rebecca 

Bernie 
Charles 
R. 