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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING January 13, 2020

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Cephas gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, Truxon, Cummings, Franz and Rev. Cephas, Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda: Motion Cephas, second Cummings, approved 5/0

Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2019 - Motion Franz, second Truxon, approved 4/0. Murphy had been absent

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry said that he has received very positive comments about the Christmas parade. There was a lot of response to the letters to Santa mailbox. We have gotten etched bricks from the old Vienna and North Dorchester High Schools for the museum. Mayor Henry presented the awards for this years Christmas decorations; 1st place William Todd, 2nd place Hugh Velasquez and 3rd place Larry Holland.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that paving is to start as soon as the weather permits. The structure at 405 Delaware Ave. will be demolished after January 16th. The town will pick up old Christmas trees and take them to Tuckahoe State Park to be used at their aviary. The audit is being completed and the report will be presented to the Council January 27th or February 10th. The specifications for bids for the train station and library are being finalized. Invitations for bids for awnings for the façade grant will be out in the next couple of weeks.

The Town received a request for a donation from the After Prom Committee, Avery said we have donated \$500 in prior years. **A motion was made by Councilmember Cephas to donate \$500 this year, second Cummings, approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Police Report – Chief Jones reported there was a bomb threat at B&G. One individual has been

arrested so far. Two recruits have entered the Police Academy. **The Chief introduced a request for support to have School Resource Officers stationed in the schools. Cummings motioned for the Council to issue support, second by Murphy, vote 5 in favor, 0 opposed.** Chief Jones thanked the Council for the support, it will be presented to the County January 23rd.

Councilman Murphy has concern over motorized bikes being used on town roads, especially in Woodsedge. Jack Lewis asked if dump trucks are allowed on town roads. Chief Jones said that he and Avery are looking into specifics over that issue.

Old Business: Avery introduced Resolution 2020-1, Opposition to Offshore Drilling and Testing. The Council was presented information from Oceana regarding the potential environmental impact that can come from seismic testing and drilling. **Motion to pass Resolution 2020-1, Opposition to Offshore Drilling and Testing, by Cummings, second by Truxon, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Cephas spoke on upcoming legislation; HUR Funds, Small Cell's coming back into play and legislation proposing property tax and water and sewer bill breaks for disabled veterans.

Comments: Councilmember Cummings said that school safety patrol members will be recognized at the next meeting. Franz said Happy New Year to all. Murphy spoke on the 76 total letters to Santa; all have been answered except one that did not have a return address. He praised the parade volunteers and said there were over 150 pieces in the parade. Murphy said awards were given for 11 categories of participants. He welcomed Councilmember Amber Truxon. Tri City Little League will be holding sign-ups for the spring season.

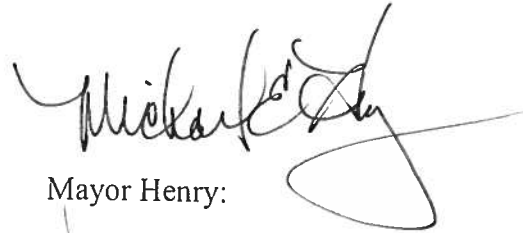
Co. Councilman Pfeffer said that MACo will be addressing a lot of the proposed state legislation. The estimated cost of Public Safety Officers could be \$1.5M the first year and then \$700k to \$800K annually.

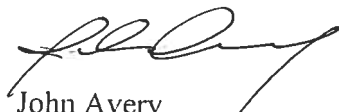
Monroe Quales believes that Ethics Commission members need to go to MML and MACo to network also to attend training. He also believes that should be open to other commission members as well.

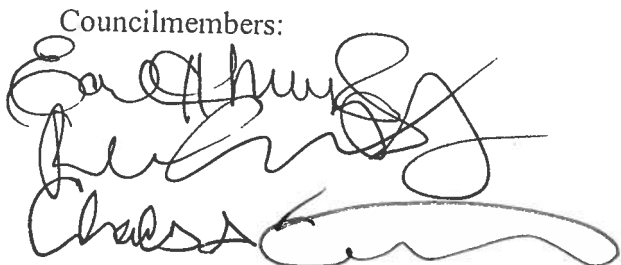
Murphy recognized the Fire Department Auxiliary that raised over \$7,000 from the Parade of Trees. Avery spoke on the tremendous job the Hurlock Lions Club did with the luminaries.

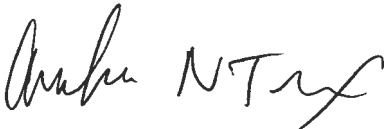
Adjourn 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


Mayor Henry:


John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers:



Amber Truxon