

TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
Mayor and Town Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 15, 2017

I. Call to Order

The Mayor and Council Monthly Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on March 15, 2017.

II. Oath of Office – New members of the Election Board were sworn in at the Worksession. Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Wilson.

III. Code Enforcement Report –Mr. James Pinkney

Report on file

Made changes to the letter that I proposed in the Worksession, waiting to get it translated in Spanish. We will be hosting the Code Enforcement Fall Meeting here at the Town of Fairmount Heights. Inspector Bud, with DPIE, visited the site behind Ebony Inn. The County is giving us 10 days to clean the 4.4 areas up. I secured 3 bids for a company to come in and clean up behind the wall.

Mayor Waiters - need the pleasure of the Council to accept the Code Enforcement Report.

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Burley - Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

Councilmember Saunders – Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Nye

Councilmember Downing – will answer when she get answers to her questions.

Motion made by Councilmember Saunders to accept the Code Enforcement Report, second by Councilmember Cooks

Roll Call

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Saunders - Aye

Councilmember Burley – Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – Aye

Councilmember Downing - Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

All Ayes. Code Enforcement Report has been approved.

Roll Call - All Councilmembers and the Mayor are present.

IV. Police Department Report – Chief Stephen Watkins

Report on file

Motion made by Councilmember Saunders to accept the Police Department Report, second by Councilmember Burley

Roll Call

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Burley - Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo’Oohwaka – Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

Councilmember Saunders – Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Aye

Councilmember Downing – Aye.

All Ayes. Police Department Report was approved.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Susan Walker

Budget – this is a working document, Income 86% we are eight months into the year.

There are areas where we can increase our income. We are underperforming in:

– Parking lot rentals

-Youth Council – bicycle rodeo

-Citizens activities

-Scholarship – find ways to increase /improve youth scholarship.

-Hall Rentals, find ways to use space in the building to get revenue

-Recycling rebates – underperforming

-Business license – higher than projected.

We need to increase our residential base as well as our business base

Councilmember Cooks – questioned how many grants have we received?

Mrs. Walker - Treasurer

-Received awards for Historic markers

-Awarded funds for the Pocket Park

-Awarded funds for this building – \$100,000 bond, to do repairs to this building. In the November meeting the Mayor and Council voted on spending it for the roof and HVAC system.

-Awarded funds, \$23,000 for Maryland Energy

Motion made by Councilmember Ukkundo’Oohwaka to accept the Treasurer’s report, second by Councilmember Burley

Roll Call

Councilmember Dodson – Aye

Councilmember Burley – Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo’Oohwaka – Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

Councilmember Saunders - Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Nye

Councilmember Downing – Aye, (with

reservations that we get answers to our questions regarding the acquired debit card.)

Treasurer’s report has been approved.

Town Manager – Mrs. Doris Sarumi

Mrs. Sarumi Opted out of giving her report.

-Our Website address is: www.fairmountheightsmd.gov

-Received another bid for the door.

-Mrs. Sarumi has an idea that may resolve the environmental problem behind Ebony Inn. The Department of Environment include brown fields. There is grant money available for that kind of clean-up.

Mayor Waiters

-What may have helped us and was in our favor was that I met with Congressman Anthony Brown and I attended a budget hearing with the County Executive and indicated that the 4.4 areas of property was one we wanted to develop.

Need consensus for Mrs. Sarumi to get the information about the brown fields for environment on the 4.4 areas of land. Need favor of the Council to consent. This is an action item.

Councilmember Dodson - Aye

Councilmember Burley – Aye

Councilmember Ukkundo’Oohwaka – Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

Councilmember Saunders - Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Aye

Councilmember Downing - Abstain

Mayor Waiters

Announced the Fairmount Heights High School Basketball team won the championship game. It has been 36 years since their last championship game.

Information about Christmas in April will be posted on the website for next year. The deadline for applications is November.

Former Mayor Saxton – would like to table information from the Ethics Board until all the members are present. Did not receive notice of meeting tonight. Would like to give findings at the town meeting on April 19th.

Councilmember Ukkundo’Oohwaka made the motion to adjourn.

All in favor say Aye. No Nyes. Ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Tucker.