



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2024 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

5:30 PM: Call to Order by Town Clerk.

Mayor Megan JM Cook
Ms. Maureen Curry (via videoconference)
Mr. Don Abbatiello
Mr. David Montgomery

President Gunsallus and Rev. Davis were excused.

Also present was the Acting Town Manager, Mr. Alan Lowrey, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Deputy Chief Greg Wright and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

At 5:30 p.m., the Town Clerk, Kathy Ruf called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for Acting President of the Council.

Nomination for Acting President of the Council.

Upon motion by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Curry and carried unanimously, Mr. Montgomery nominated Mr. Donald Abbatiello for Acting President of the Council.

Opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Curry.

In Ms. Curry's absence, Mr. Abbatiello gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes.

Meeting minutes from December 2, 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. Abbatiello, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously, the minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

Municipal Official Items.

Items by Mayor Cook.

Mayor Cook discussed attending the Wor-Wic law enforcement graduation for the new Easton Police Department recruits.

Mayor Cook reminded the listening audience not to rake leaves onto the road as they clog the stormdrains.

Mayor Cook stated that the storm drain project has begun. She congratulated BAAM on their recent ribbon cutting.

She stated that the Town is currently reviewing the Town handbook. Mayor Cook attended the Easton Volunteer Department Training Facility groundbreaking.

Mayor Cook offered her congratulations to Nick Johnson of the Town's Planning Department who recently passed the Certified Planners' Exam on his first try. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and stated prior to the parade, the Town held a successful tree lighting. She discussed garbage and recycling and stated there will be pickup on December 24.

Mayor Cook stated she is looking forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

Items by Town Manager

Chief Lowrey discussed a resolution for the situation at Brookletts Avenue. He stated there will be a 4-way stop installed in January.

Acceptance of quote from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$155,122.76 for improvements to the park in the Golton Community.

Interim Town Manager Alan Lowrey brought the bid from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$155,122.76 to the floor for approval. He stated they have added \$24,000 for swings.

Upon motion by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, the quote for the equipment to be constructed at Golton Park was approved.

Items by Town Attorney.

The Town Attorney, Ms. VanEmburch stated she has nothing at this time.

Public Participation/Comments.

There was no one present for comments.

Items by Members of the Council:

Ms. Curry wished everyone happy holidays.

In response to a recent emergency, Mr. Montgomery expressed appreciation to Talbot County Emergency Services as well as the staff in the emergency room. He expressed his gratitude for the recent surgery at Union Memorial Hand Center.

Mr. Abbatiello stated that this meeting is the fastest meeting, clocking in at ten minutes. He stated that the BAAM Center is an amazing facility.

Adjournment.

At 5:40 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Montgomery seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, Acting President Abbatiello adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk