

Town of Bethel

Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by K. Phillips. Present were K. Phillips, R. Campfield, M. Shaver, P Kough, V. Proctor and Town Clerk, Martha Hawkins.
  
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by K. Phillips.
  
- 3. Salisbury University:** The Salisbury University students were introduced.
  
- 4. New Town Solicitor:** Mike Smith was introduced as our new Town Solicitor.
  
- 5. Secretary's Report:** P. Kough presented the August Council Meeting Minutes. V. Proctor made a motion to accept the minutes. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- 6. Town Clerk's Report:** Town Clerk, Martha Hawkins presented the Town Clerk's report. M. Shaver made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's report. V. Proctor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Town Office will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be closed after lunch. R. Campfield will put this on the Town Facebook page. M. Hawkins will put this on the Town Website and will post it on the front door.
  
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Bills to be Paid:** M. Shaver presented the bills to be paid. V. Proctor made a motion to pay the bills as presented. P. Kough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Treasurer's Report:** V. Proctor made a motion to approve the July, August, and September Treasurer's Reports. R. Campfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Building Permits:** No building permits were issued.

**9. Retention of Mike Smith as our Town Solicitor:** The contract was signed between Mike Smith and the Town to retain M. Smith as our Town Solicitor.

**10. Condemnation of the Chipman Property:** An executive session will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on November 1, 2022.

**11. Comprehensive Plan Update:** No meeting has been scheduled yet. The thumb drive has been updated.

**12. Complaints:** No new complaints have been filed.

**13. Feral Cats:** P. Kough asked about receiving mileage for travel expenses regarding the feral cats. It had been previously approved that council members could receive mileage. The current federal rate is 58.2 cents per mile.

**14. Proposed Ordinance Limiting Numbers of Dogs and Cats:** M. Smith will look into this and give us some options.

**15. Board of Elections:** Stacy Smith is on the Board. I will call and try to find some others to be on the Board.

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in blue ink. The signature appears to be "Kevin B. Phillips" and is written over a light-colored, textured background.

**16. Town Yard Sale:** V. Proctor made a motion that the date is Saturday, October 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. R. Campfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. R. Campfield will put it in the Guide.

**17. Old/New Business:** R. Campfield made a motion to do the tree lighting at the Town Park. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

R. Campfield showed a choice of Christmas cards. The Council chose the blue cards. R. Campfield will order the cards.

A draft of the number of sheds allowed on a property ordinance will be put on the November Agenda.

Kathy Layfield presented ordinances from other towns and pictures regarding items she has issues with. M. Smith stated that some of the ordinances had subjective language.

Martha Hawkins asked if we need credentials for T. J. Parker if he has to knock on residents' doors. She stated that the insurance company said he is covered if he is doing Town business. Martha Hawkins was asked for a copy of the process for complaints. She stated that she would provide that to the Council and to Mike Smith.

Trick or Treating will be the same as Laurel, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**15. Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:19.



Kevin B. Phillips