



# Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Mayor

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Town Administrator

## Town Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023

**Live streamed video of the meeting can be found on  
YouTube – Town of Leonardtown Channel**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor  
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Vice President  
Nick Colvin, Council Member  
Heather M. Earhart, Council Member  
Mary Maday Slade, Council Member

Absent: Christy Hollander, Council Member

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary, Angie Graves, Treasurer; Mike Bailey, Planning; Cpl. Roszell, Town Deputy; Will Morehead, JustTech; Roger Mattingly, Resident, Mr./Mrs. Lugwig, Residents. A sign-up sheet was provided, there were no attendees to sign. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Mayor Burris asked Councilmember Colvin to give the invocation and asked Ms. Dimsey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023 meeting.

**Councilmember Colvin moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly; no further questions, motion passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurers Report** – Angie Graves

Ms. Graves reported that we are working on the draft budget to present to Council as a working document during the budget workshop on May 16.

### **Introduction of Ordinance No. 216 Adopting the Budget and Setting the Real Property Tax Rate for FY24**

Today we introduce Ordinance No. 216 to Approve the Budget and set the Real Property Tax Rate for FY24. A public hearing will be held on June 12, 2023 following the budget workshop to be held on May 16, 2023.

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**COUNCIL:** NICK COLVIN HEATHER M. EARHART  
CHRISTY HOLLANDER J. MAGUIRE MATTINGLY IV MARY MADAY SLADE

**Planning & Zoning Report – Mike Bailey**

Mr. Bailey reported that no meeting is scheduled to be held on May 15, 2023 as there are no cases to be heard. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Report – Mayor Burris**

Mayor Burris thanked Cpl. Roszell for providing a written report and thanked for her diligence in maintaining regulations around Town.

Cpl. Roszell added this is the time of season that motor vehicle thefts tend to rise so please be mindful to not keep personal items in your car, make sure you lock your car and that any floodlights and such around your house are in working order to help deter thieves.

**Town Administrators Report – Laschelle McKay**

**Liquor License Letter of Support for Merchants Lane Fine Wine and Spirits**

This is the existing wine and spirits store located in Shops at Breton Bay next to the Shoppers Food Store. Mr. Thomas McKay recently leased the location and his license was reinstated. The store will be sub-leased to Ajit Singh and Rajni Kumar who have since applied to take over Mr. McKay's license for Merchants Fine Wine and Spirits at that location.

**Councilmember Slade moved to approve a liquor license letter of support for a Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor license and a 365 day/year Beer and Wine Tasting license for Merchants Fine Wine and Spirits located at 40845 Merchants Lane; seconded by Councilmember Earhart, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Award Asphalt Contract for Dorsey Street Mill and Resurface**

Staff reviewed the paving jobs slated for FY23 and requested All Pro Lawn and Asphalt, who was awarded low bid for paving Lawrence Avenue, if they would hold the same price for Dorsey Street. The company has agreed and staff would like to complete Dorsey Street at the same time as Lawrence Ave. to save on mobilization costs at another time. Dorsey was the next street on the priority list and as we did not have any snow removal costs this winter, we are able to fund the additional street for mill and resurface.

**Councilmember Colvin moved to award the contract for milling and resurfacing of Dorsey Street to All Pro Lawn and Asphalt at the same prices as the Lawrence Ave bid awarded last month in the amount of \$22,618; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Extend Lawn Care contract with Woodlawn Lawn Care**

In March 2022, Town Council extended the Woodlawn Lawn Care contract for 3 years, with a hold on the current contract cost until June 30, 2023 with an opportunity to request a fuel increase in years 2 and 3. Mr. Wood is requesting a one-time \$5,000 annual increase for the next two years. There are 26 sites maintained under the contract. The \$5,000 increase would represent \$192 per site gross increase before tax.

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to extend the Woodlawn Lawn Care contract for an additional two years from June 30, 2023 thru June 29, 2025 with a \$5,000 annual increase for increased fuel costs; seconded by Councilmember Colvin, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

### **Updates**

Ms. McKay stated that information was sent regarding an activity at the Wharf with the St. Mary's County Commissioners and the US Coast Guard. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Last month we had a presentation from tech students regarding the BOBS program and they are planning to set the BOB out in Breton Bay on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. if you are interested in attending.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Burris**

There is no one here in attendance today from LBA to report.

Mayor Burris reported that there is a need to appoint a new member to the Ethics Commission and that he has reached out to a candidate to see if they would be interested in serving and will inform Council once a decision has been made.

### **Events – Heather Earhart**

Councilmember Earhart reported that the car show was very well attended and the Trolley was extremely busy with customers. Nice to see the Running of the Balls hosted by the Leonardtown Rotary Club took place during the car show and was a big hit.

### **Community Development and Planning – Nick Colvin**

Councilmember Colvin reported that the Dairy Queen has been moving forward really quickly and unfortunately the Route 5 project is still slacking behind but we have had talks with SHA and things are slowly moving forward after some contractor and weather setbacks. Beautiful weather for both events as he attended the Annual Hospice Walk and the Classic Car Show over the weekend.

### **Utilities – Christy Hollander – No Report**

### **SMMA Update – Jay Mattingly**

Councilmember Mattingly reported that in April he attended the MML Board of Directors meeting held in College Park. The next Board meeting will be held during the MML Summer Conference in June in Ocean City. SMMA meeting is working towards a family style meeting in Chesapeake Beach but no firm plans have been set, hope to learn more information soon.

### **Business Development – Mary Maday Slade**

Councilmember Slade stated that the State of the Town was a great success and it was so great to see the variety of business owners in attendance and the Rex Theatre was a great venue. As a reminder, you do not need to own a building to build a business in Leonardtown. There are so many ways to help small businesses, please take advantage of them and work with the community to enhance your business. Everything is so much more expensive these days and it is even more important to support your local businesses who have been around for 30 plus years. Shop local not only helps the businesses but it also provides tax dollars toward the entire community.

Mayor Burris reminded everyone that he is available after the meeting for discussions.

**Mayor Burris entertained a motion to adjourn.**

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 4.43 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Slade, motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

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Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

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Nick Colvin, Councilmember

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Heather M. Earhart

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