



# Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Mayor

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Town Administrator

## **Commissioners of Leonardtown Town Council Meeting Minutes March 12, 2018**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor  
Leslie Roberts, Vice President  
Thomas Combs, Council Member  
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Council Member  
Roger Mattingly, Council Member

Absent: Hayden T. Hammett, Council Member

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary, Maria Fleming, Events, Beth Sandberg, Office Manager; Nick Colvin, Resident; Anne Marie Abell, Candidate, County Commissioner; Jean Marie Hansen, Resident; Francisco Fernandez, Resident; Bill Fleming, Resident; Guy Leonard, County Times. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

Mayor Burris gave the invocation and asked Ms Dimsey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the February 12, 2018 Town Council were presented for approval.

**Mayor Burris entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.**

**Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Combs; motion passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report** – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that no money was needed to transfer between the Operating or MLIG accounts. We are 67% through the budget year. A revised budget calendar was submitted. The first budget workshop will be Wednesday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. The next Town Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, April 11 which will also be the Public Hearing for the budget.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 181** - Adopting the Budget and Setting the Real Property Tax Rate for FY2019. This will be presented for approval at the April Town Council meeting.

### **Planning & Zoning Report** – Laschelle McKay

Ms. McKay noted that there was no meeting held in February but there is a meeting scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with two cases from SMECO to be heard.

**Police Report – Corporal Nelson**

Corporal Nelson provided Council with a written report as she is unable to attend today's meeting.

**Town Administrator's Report** – Laschelle McKay

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 182- Chapter 36 Alcoholic Beverages** - Amending outdated chapter to be consistent with State Alcoholic Beverages Article.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 183- Chapter 92 Livability Standards** - To repeal Chapter 92 Livability Standards and Chapter 112 Property Maintenance and adopt the MD Minimum Livability Code(MMLC) and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as the Livability Standards and the Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Leonardtown.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 184-Chapter 134-Swimming Pools** - Repeal Chapter 134 Swimming Pools for consistency with Chapter 48- Building Construction of the Town Code.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 185-Chapter 128-Streets and Sidewalks** - To repeal Article VI of Chapter 128 regarding bicycles and skateboards.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 186- Chapter 72- Firearms and Fireworks** - To amend Chapter 72 for consistency with the Public Safety Article and the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

**Procurement for waterline materials** – The town has a planned waterline project to include the new town hall waterline for the sprinkler. Materials exceed \$5,000. Three quotes were received. Because this is outside our procurement requirements we are asking to approve purchasing the material from the lowest priced supplier. We received three quotes.

**Councilmember Combs moved to approve the purchase of the required waterline project materials from Belair Road Supply in the amount of \$13,661.69 outside of the normal bid process; seconded by Councilmember Roger Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Updates**

**Elevator** - installation continues to move forward with much of the work on the hoist way completed. The elevator is expected to arrive by the end of March and we hope to have an operating elevator sometime in April. The next project will be the installation of the fire sprinkler system. Work for the water line for this system will begin in the next two weeks.

**Pier and Slips** – Discussions will take place during budget workshop. We have received the Army Corp of Engineers approval for the permit and we are waiting on MDE approval.

**State of the Town Breakfast** – Was very well attended with about 80 attendees from various businesses. It was a very positive meeting and upbeat. Chris Kaselemis, St. Mary's County Tourism Director spoke along with Town and LBA representatives. The focus was on economic development, our priorities for the year.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris reported that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the Port of Leonardtown Winery with Governor Hogan making the announcement about the Rt. 5

widening project along with the State Highway Administration and Maryland Department of Transportation officials.

The Executive Inn and Suites Hotel was up for tax sale at the Court House and was sold to a company out of Baltimore which we have heard that they will continue to run the hotel as a hotel at this time.

Urban BBQ is leaving Leonardtown but Smokey Joe's is coming in at that location.

The Lawrence Avenue apartments have a contract for purchase, we hope to hear more details soon.

**Events** – Roger Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly thanked Ms. Fleming for her work and providing the event information.

He reported that in celebration with Youth Art Month and First Fridays, the St. Mary's Arts Council successfully hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual young artists' competition at the Leonardtown Arts Center. The First Friday meeting and artist reception was cancelled due to storms and power outages, the student works were able to be judged and awarded prizes. Thanks to Nell Elder, Joi Lowe and Wednesday Davis for spearheading this project in support of young artists.

Currently coordinating Earth Day 2018 to be held on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Final due date for vendor applications is Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to have new organizations joining us this year, including local businesses King of Tees and root SUP & Fitness.

Also helping to coordinate details for the Spring Fling Car Show, First Fridays, Hospice Run, Downtown Tunes, multiple concerts, 5K's and private events, as well as fielding questions from event organizers hoping to hold new events in town.

Ms. Dimsey is working on scheduling Mayor Burriss to present a Mock Council at both Capt. Walter Francis Duke Elementary and LES

Ms. Fleming and Ms. McKay both attended the Tourism Industry Community Update meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting</u></b>
Friday, March 16	10 AM – 12 Noon 1:30 PM	MD State Arts Council Quarterly Meeting at Town Hall Reception at the Front Porch
Saturday, March 24	10 AM	Maryland Day Celebration @ Historic St. Mary's City
Saturday, March 24	11:30 AM – 4 PM	St. Mary's County Government Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt @ St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

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Sunday, March 25		Maryland Day
Monday, March 26	2 PM	MD Day Commemorative Ceremony @ St. Clement's Island
Wednesday, March 28	5 – 6:30 PM	Business After Hours Hosted by Historic St. Mary's City 47418 Old State House Road
Thursday, March 29	7–9 AM	Doctors' Day breakfast @ MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
Sunday, April 1	HOLIDAY	Easter Sunday
Friday, Apr. 6	5-8 PM	Reduce, Reuse, Rescue First Fridays
Friday, Apr. 13	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting @ Wine & Design
Saturday, Apr. 14	8:30 AM	23rd Annual Run & Walk for Hospice @ St. Mary's County Gov. Center
Saturday, Apr. 21	9 AM – 3 PM	Coastal Arts Market @ the Wharf
Sunday, Apr. 22	12:30 – 4:30 PM	Leonardtwn Earth Day Celebration Leonardtwn Square & Wharf Park
Sunday, Apr. 29 (Rain Date: May 6)	8 AM – 4 PM	St. Mary's Rod & Classic XXXIII Spring Fling Car Show for Hospice
Tuesday, May 1	12 noon – 7 p.m.	Town Elections

**Community Development and Strategic Planning**

Mayor Burris noted that Mr. Pleasants has expressed interest in beginning the process of potentially developing the Tudor Farm property.

Councilmember Roberts remarked that it really has worked out best for the Town that our housing developments have been able to be staggered and now once Clark's Rest has been completed we can concentrate on Tudor Farm.

**ENR Upgrade** – Thomas Combs

Ms. McKay noted that there are still some final details to be completed and the WWTP staff is still working from the Town Hall but hope to get moved into their new offices by the end of March once the phones and internet connection is finalized.

An Open House with a ribbon cutting is in the planning process for sometime in April. More details on that once a date is selected.

**SMMA Update** – Leslie Roberts

Councilmember Roberts reported the next meeting is Wednesday night at La Plata. She noted that as she and Councilmember Roger Mattingly are stepping down from Council, over the years, they have both been very active with the Southern Maryland Municipal Association and the Maryland Municipal League, both graduates of the Academy for Excellence and encourage the newly elected Council Members to continue with engagement with these organizations and State and local delegates.

**Safety and Emergency Preparedness** – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that he has been busy serving as Director on the MML Board, particularly with the Highway User Revenue restoration, recently attending a Senate hearing on HUR with about 100 elected officials attending. Also, the House voted to pass the HUR Restoration which is a huge victory for all of the Maryland Towns. He will be attending the SMMA meeting this Wednesday in La Plata.

Ms. McKay remarked that the Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District and the St. Mary's Arts Council are hosting the Maryland State's Art Council on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. They are meeting here in the Town Hall for their quarterly meeting from 10 am to 12 pm at which time they will do a walking tour of the Town. They will then attend a reception at the Front Porch which will include some local organizations that receive grants from the various Art's Councils and they will perform for them. Council is welcome to join us.

**Mayor Burris entertained a motion for adjournment.**

**Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to adjourn at 4:30 pm; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Teri P. Dimsey

**Approved:**

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