



# Commissioners of Leonardtown

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## Town Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Live streamed video of the meeting can be found on  
YouTube – [www.youtube.com/c/TownofLeonardtown](https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLeonardtown)

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

Also, in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary, Angie Graves, Treasurer; Mike Bailey, Planning; Will Morehead, JustTech; Emily Stager, Main Street Manager; Roger Mattingly, Resident. Kristy Parker, Mattingley Gardiner Funeral Home/LBA. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Town Hall.

We do have an additional item added to today's agenda, which is, Task Order 20A- GHD, Inc. for Completion of Water Storage Tower at Meadows at Town Run

*Mayor Burris asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those lives lost, the first responders and all their families and loved ones for the anniversary of September 11, 2001.*

Councilmember Colvin gave the invocation and Ms. Dimsey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

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

**Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Slade; motion passed unanimously.**

### Treasurers Report – Angie Graves

Ms. Graves reported that we are 23% through the budget. The insurance expense looks high but it was allocated out over the month so it is actually smaller. The amount of \$200,000 was transferred from MLGIP to the Operating Account. The Community Bank of the Chesapeake merged with Shore United Bank effective today and we have not experienced any issues with the change. The Auditors will be here from September 19 to the 22 doing the field work.

### Planning and Zoning Report – Mike Bailey

There was one item on the agenda for the September meeting:

**Case #05-05 A Splash-In Carwash – Lot 2 – Concept Plan - Gordon Ragan Subdivision Request for Special Exception.** A Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

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

**Police Report – Mayor Burris**

Mayor Burris thanked Cpl. Roszell for providing a written report and noted she was in attendance if anyone had any questions.

**Town Administrators Report – Laschelle McKay**

**Splash In Car Wash- 40874 Merchants Lane- Request for additional EDU's -** The Wills Group (Southern Maryland Oil) is proposing demolishing the Happy Seafood building and constructing a car wash. Based on proposed water usage, 12 EDUs would be required and the existing building has only 6 EDUs. Per Ordinance No. 132, due to a limited number of EDUs remaining for allocation, a new request for EDU's must meet certain criteria. This determination would need to be made for allocation to happen now. The project can move forward with engineering and design and the current expansion is expected to be complete within a year.

**Councilmember Earhart moved to delay allocation of 6 additional EDUs for Splash In Car Wash until the completion of the current wastewater treatment plant expansion. The proposed project does not meet any of the criteria required in Ordinance No. 132 for use of remaining available EDUs; seconded by Councilmember Colvin, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Mac's Tap and Table- 25470 Point Lookout Road- Liquor License Letter of Support -** John MacDonald III and Benjamin MacDonald are taking over the Leonardtown Grille space in Breton Marketplace. They are opening a restaurant called Mac's Tap and Table. They plan to update the decor and change some menu items but keep the same concept.

**Councilmember Slade moved to send a favorable liquor license letter of support for Mac's Tap and Table, located at 25470 Point Lookout Road, for a Class B Liquor License; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**The Rex Liquor License Letter of Support for Extension of Premise for October 14, 2023**  
The Rex is requesting extending their outdoor seating for the upcoming Vertigo Red concert on October 14, 2023 in the square. This is the same layout as in previous concerts.

**Councilmember Colvin moved to forward a liquor license letter of support for The Rex for an extension of premise for the October 14, 2023 Concert on the Square; seconded by Councilmember Slade, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Task Order 20A- GHD, Inc. for Completion of Water Storage Tower at Meadows at Town Run.**  
In 2010 we issued a Task Order for GHD to design the water storage tower that will be built in Meadows at Town Run II. The Task Order was in the amount of \$225,000 and all that remains to be completed on that Task Order is the bidding process. In recent months we were able to secure additional land from Quality Built Homes to also house a lay down storage yard at the well and water tower site. This task order is for the design and engineering for this additional facility including storm water management, grading and sediment erosion control plans. We plan to go out to bid for the new storage tower and laydown yard in late September.

**Councilmember Colvin moved to approve Task Order #20A Meadows at Town Run Elevated Storage Tank and Utilities Storage Yard in the amount of \$48,000; seconded by Councilmember Slade, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.**

**Update**

Ms. McKay stated that notices were provided to residents and posted on the Town's FB page and website that there would be piling work done at the WWTP for the expansion which may be quite noisy and some may feel the vibrations during the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. This is temporary but required and we hope it is not too inconvenient for too long.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Burris

Mayor Burris stated that he has spoken with Arnika Eskeland about joining the Board of Appeals and she has expressed an interest and would like to appoint her to be a member of the Board of Appeals as we have a vacancy due to Mr. Lawson moving to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Eskeland remarked that she is active with the Citizens Advisory Board for Special Education and served as a liaison to the families in the district and schools in the county. At this time, she would like to become more involved with the Town.

**Council Members gave consensus to appoint Arnika Eskeland to the Board of Appeals.**

**LBA Report** – Kristy Parker

Ms. Parker noted that the LBA is still running on a high from the awesome fireworks. The committee and the Town worked well together and we do plan to do this again next year. We did have some new members; Bell Marine was one of them and we thank them immensely for providing the barge for the fireworks.

**Events** – Heather Earhart

Councilmember Earhart reported that the Wharf Fest with the World's Largest Rubber Duck was an overwhelmingly successful event. There was a wonderfully written article in the County Times, written by Tommy McKay and Ms. Earhart read a few excerpts from the article which thanked so many such as our First Responders, the restaurants, retail shop staff, our own Council members, kudos to the Town staff and so many others.

We have movies this weekend, first up is Finding Nemo on Friday night and Jaws showing down at the Wharf on Saturday night.

**Community Development and Planning** – Nick Colvin

Councilmember Colvin reported that the WWTP plant is beginning the pile driving, so please be patient as it is only temporary. The Route 5 work has finally made some good progress and looks really good, almost done. The Duck was a fantastic weekend, met some really nice folks who came quite a distance to see the Duck. Excited to see everyone come out to enjoy the movies this weekend.

**Utilities** – Christy Hollander

Councilmember Hollander reported that the sewer pump at the dock and piers is getting closer to being done which is a wonderful addition for our boaters. The Route 5 widening is so much nicer and happy to see the progress.

**SMMA Update** – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that September 14 and 15 there is a Board of Directors Retreat to be held in Galena, MD on the eastern shore. There will be a tour of their small Town and I hope to learn a few new things. The MML Fall Conference is coming up October 15-17 to be held in College Park, Maryland and an SMMA meeting is planned to be held during the conference. The fireworks were amazing and excited to hear they plan to do so again next year. Thank you to the fireworks committee, Kevin Mattingly, Jen Stotler, Kristy Parker, Kiera Johnson, Jimmy Hayden, Joe Kurley and thank you to the Fire Department and Emergency Services. We received a lot of compliments on the event.

**Business Development** – Mary Maday Slade

Councilmember Slade reported that she attended the LBA marketing meeting with a lot of planning going on. The Scarecrow Stroll is coming up for all businesses and individuals. Christmas lights are going up around Town so look forward to enjoying all the holiday festivities. We have some new

businesses coming into Town and we love to see all the new growth and diversity. Met with one of the tattoo parlors and they are doing really well here in Leonardtown.

Mr. Gordon Stellway addressed the Council and asked what is the cost of an EDU?

Ms. McKay responded that the sewer is about \$18,000 and water is \$3,300 but she can provide an accurate number if needed.

Mr. Stellway then stated that the cost for the amount of EDUs requested by the Splash In Car Wash is approximately \$125,000.

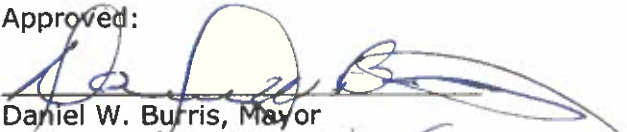
Ms. McKay responded, yes, that is correct.

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 4.33 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Slade, motion passed unanimously.**

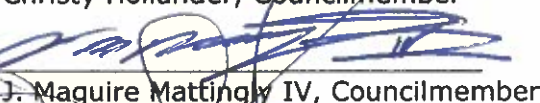
Respectfully Submitted:  
  
Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:  
  
Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

  
Nick Colvin, Councilmember

  
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