

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

May 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was called to order on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland. **There was not a quorum for voting purposes.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan U. Burdette, Chair  
Amy G. Chmielewski

**ABSENT:** Philip L. Einhorn  
Brendan P. Hopkins  
Patrick T. Richards

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

L. Jesse Bane, Town Administrator  
Trish Heidenreich, Director of Economic Development  
Stephen Kline, Director of Public Works  
Michael Krantz, Director of Administration  
Lisa Moody, Director of Finance  
Charles Moore, Chief of Police  
Kevin Small, Director of Planning  
Charles Keenan, Town Counsel  
Joan Suitt, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Burdette called for approval of the Agenda.

Commissioner Chmielewski moved to approve the Agenda for the meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Premier Partner Safety Award - Town of Bel Air - Chesapeake Employer's Insurance Company

Brent Slutzky, Agent for CINA Company and Jackie Siejack, Account Executive, Chesapeake Employer's Insurance Company congratulated the Town of Bel Air for its excellent safety record. The Town was presented with a certificate and plaque for Outstanding Commitment to Workplace Safety.

Mr. Krantz, Director of Administration, was honored to accept the award on behalf of the Town of Bel Air. Chesapeake Employer's Insurance Company is the Town's Worker Compensation Insurance carrier and a fantastic partner providing education and service.

Certificate of Recognition - Bel Air Police Explorer Post 9010

Chief Moore advised the Explorer program in the Town of Bel Air is a group of approximately 30 young men and women throughout the County and is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Chief Moore stated the Police Department relies on the Explorers to assist at many Town events and is grateful for their help. The Explorer program builds character, integrity, team skills and it teaches how to give back to the community.

Officer First Class Nicholas Rhodes, one of the leaders, notified the Explorer group has really grown compared to the 7 members when he was an Explorer. Officer Rhodes and Officer Krause recently helped Havre de Grace Police Department begin an Explorer Post.

**Cpl. Jonathan Kaufman - United States Coast Guard**

Officer First Class Rhodes informed Jonathan Kaufman has been an Explorer for three years and completed more than 40 hours of volunteer service. Jonathan attends John Carroll High School with a 4.1 GPA, an active member of the band and has achieved Eagle Scout/Sea Scout. Jonathan has enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and begins training May 21, 2019. Officer Rhodes advised Jonathan shows the younger Explorers the right way and this is a testament to his work ethic and character.

**Cpl. Michael Hase - United States Air Force**

Officer First Class Rhodes advised Michael Hase has been an Explorer for approximately four years and completed 250 hours of volunteer service. Michael earned a 4.125 GPA, achieved Eagle Scout and is a phenomenal leader working with younger Explorers, leading them by example. Officer Rhodes informed Michael is a current member of the United States Air Force Reserve and received a type 7 scholarship to become a Commissioned Officer in the Air Force and will attend the University of Maryland at College Park.

Chair Burdette stated both of these young men are amazing and she is very proud of them. On behalf of the Police Department and the citizens of Bel Air, Chair Burdette thanked Jonathan Kaufman and Michael Hase for their dedication to service. Jonathan and Michael were presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Student Achievement Award - Olivia Straub - Saint Margaret School

Olivia Straub is a fifth grade student at Saint Margaret School who volunteers as an altar server, is a safety officer and always willing to give a friendly smile, hello and have a good day.

Olivia is an excellent student and well-liked by all her classmates. She encourages others and takes the initiative to help out whenever needed. Olivia is a positive role model and displays what it means to be a good citizen.

On behalf of the Board of Town Commissioners, Chair Burdette presented Olivia Straub with a Student Achievement Award and was encouraged to continue her commitment to excellence.

Certificate of Recognition - Katherine Butterfield - Boys and Girls Club

Katherine "Kat" Butterfield is a senior at Bel Air High School who has been diagnosed with a learning disability. Katherine maintains a 3.5 grade point average in Biomedical Sciences and distinguished herself as a leader through her volunteer services. She is the vice-president of Bel Air High's Best Buddies Program which creates one-to-one friendships and inclusiveness for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Katherine is a member of the Bel Air Boys and Girls Club where she started as a volunteer in support of Club members with special needs as part of an inclusion program. Katherine continued her service as a leader in various roles to include developing programming for more than 100 summer campers and eventually became a staff member serving as the Games Room Lead Program Aide.

Katherine was recently recognized by the Harford County Commission for Women as a Woman of Tomorrow and received the nomination as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County and Cecil County Youth of the Year. Katherine plans to attend college and strives to inspire others with learning disabilities to overcome their limitations and achieve their own success.

On behalf of the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners, Chair Burdette with great pride, presented Katherine Butterfield with a Certificate of Recognition and knows Katherine will continue to excel in her endeavors and her role as a "Woman of Tomorrow".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. French Poole, Giles Street, is concerned with the property at 528 Ewing Street that is vacant and slowly deteriorating. Mr. Poole stated with the condition of the home it should be torn down and questioned what size of home could be built there. Mr. Small, Director of Planning, asked Mr. Poole to contact him to discuss the issue.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Chair Burdette notified the following:

- April 18 - Town Administrator Bane, Commissioner Einhorn and Chair Burdette attended the Cecil-Harford MML meeting in Charlestown, Md. for the annual election of officers meeting. Commissioner Amy Chmielewski was nominated and elected to be the new Vice President of the Cecil-Harford MML.
- April 25 - Town Administrator Bane and Chair Burdette were invited to join Major General Randy Taylor and a few other senior officials to "journe beyond APG's fence line at APG's Immersion Day". It was an action packed day including a view of the military installation from a Black Hawk helicopter. They also saw things coming in the future to protect the troops.
- April 26 - Commissioner Einhorn and Chair Burdette attended the FCCAU Welcome One BINGO fundraiser to support the homeless in Harford County.
- May 1 - Town Administrator Bane and Chair Burdette attended the Harford County Bar Association's annual Law Day celebration and presented a proclamation. Chair Burdette thanked Mr. Krantz, Director of Administration and Department of Public Works for their help in arranging the venue in front of the courthouse.
- May 3 - Town Administrator Bane, Chief Moore and Chair Burdette attended the ribbon cutting for the Harford Transit Link and Town of Bel Air new bus shelter located at Pennsylvania and Hays Street. The shelter was very much needed and will serve those who use the

courthouse and many social services located within that area as well as Downtown Bel Air.

- Coming up - Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> the grand re-opening of Bel Air Community Garden and the brand new solar field located at St. Matthews Lutheran Church from 9-11 a.m. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. For \$10.00 you can rent a raised garden to grow vegetables and flowers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Signature on file

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Susan U. Burdette, Chair  
Board of Town Commissioners

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Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk