

MINUTES

BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was called to order on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan U. Burdette, Chair
Amy G. Chmielewski
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 Richards moved and Commissioner Einhorn seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as written. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hopkins asked for a moment of silence for fellow municipal officials in Virginia Beach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Richards moved and Commissioner Einhorn seconded the motion that the minutes of the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners' meeting held on May 23, 2019 and May 28, 2019 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: Commissioners Chmielewski, Einhorn, Hopkins Richards and Burdette

Nays: None

Abstained: Commissioner Hopkins - May 23, 2019 meeting

Chair Burdette - May 28, 2019 meeting

The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 7, 2019

Chair Burdette stated providing public safety in our communities is one of the highest priorities of any government and the Police Department for the Town of Bel Air is making every effort to keep

citizens and our businesses safe from those who would do us harm by gun violence.

The wearing of orange on the first Friday of every June is intended to raise awareness to gun violence and to honor the lives of those victims of gun violence and survivors.

Chair Burdette appreciates the work being done by the Maryland Chapter of Moms Demand Action and presented a Proclamation to Heather Canton. Chair Burdette notified the Commissioners for the Town of Bel Air to join others in our Country in support of efforts to prevent gun violence and to honor and value human lives by declaring the first Friday in June, being June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Local Government Insurance Trust Training Grant Presentation

Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director of LGIT, advised the Town of Bel Air is very active with the insurance trust and informed of several staff members who serve on committees. Mr. Ailsworth advised LIGIT has 190 members and because of the LIGIT success it has been able to give back over 3 million dollars in credits and grants. Mr. Ailsworth presented the training grant to Chief Moore.

Chief Moore applauded Mr. Ailsworth and LIGIT advising this grant is another example of LIGIT fulfilling its mission. Chief Moore informed the grant will be utilized for Implicit Bias training. Chief Moore stated there is unconscious bias we all have and if exhibited or displayed by public servants or not kept in check by a public servant/police officer, it can result in discriminatory action. The training will be held at the Armory and an invitation will be extended to other allied agencies to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 1132-19 - Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2024

Commissioner Hopkins moved and Commissioner Richards seconded the motion that Resolution No. 1132-19 the Bel Air Strategic Plan, FY2020 thru FY2024, be accepted by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioners Chmielewski, Einhorn, Hopkins, Richards, Burdette

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Resolution No. 1133-19 - Town Fee Schedule Amendments

Commissioner Hopkins moved and Commissioner Richards seconded the motion that Resolution No. 1133-19, amending the Town's Fee Schedule, be received by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioner Chmielewski, Einhorn, Hopkins, Richards, Burdette

Nays: None

The motion carried.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.,
Bel Air Town Hall.

Reappointment to Cultural Arts Commission - Brigitte Grubb

Commissioner Einhorn moved and Commissioner Richards seconded the motion that the reappointment of Brigitte Grubb to the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years, effective immediately, be approved by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Commissioner Einhorn advised Ms. Grubb is valuable to the Commission and a pleasure to have in the group.

Ayes: Commissioner Chmielewski, Einhorn, Hopkins, Richards, Burdette

Nays: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Einhorn attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and recognized Mr. Krantz, Director of Administration, Chief Moore and police officers and Department of Public Works for their efforts during the event. Commissioner Einhorn advised the ceremony was put on by the Bel Air American Legion and the music from the Bel Air Community Band. The speaker was a Gold Star Mom who spoke about her son and her speech was very heartwarming.

Chair Burdette and Ms. Heidenreich, Director of Economic Development attended the Maryland Department of Commerce Collaboration Corp and had the opportunity to meet the new Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz. Chair Burdette informed it was a great opportunity to talk about Bel Air and her success story.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Signature on file

Susan U. Burdette, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Signature on file

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk