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TREASURER
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COMMISSIONER
Eric Baugh
Eric Brewington
Benjamin Secundy

Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 21, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Sanders, Commissioners Baugh, Brewington, Murchison, and Secundy. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Citizen's Input

The floor was opened for Citizens input.

Journal Review and Approval

There was a motion to approve the journal from October 2020 by Commissioner Secundy, a second and approval by all.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Murchison reviewed the monthly financial report which looks good. There are not many items for outgoing bills other than the usual expenses.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Sanders reported on the FDMCC 501(c)3 fiscal year balances which will be posted on the website, provided by the nonprofit Executive Director, Ms. Jean Langston. Ms. Dena Sewell, Museum Director, provided a report on museum operations. There are three new Docents: Ben Secundy, Sheryl Washington, and Janice Lloyd. There are several museum projects going on. A website is being developed for the museum. Jean Langston and Dena Sewell both attended the Small Museum of Maryland Conference. The sale of the Highland Beach on the Chesapeake Bay books has been good.

Mayor Sanders reported on the COVID-19 Municipal weekly call. Governor Hogan joined the last call to thank the municipal leaders for their help. Some hospitals are close to full capacity while some are already full. Further restrictions are being imposed in Maryland to address the increase in cases and hospitalizations. Main Market is closing until March 2021. There are one million children with COVID in the US diagnosed with COVID-19. Area museums are closing as of 11/23/2020. The outdoor dining tents are providing a false sense of security. They are considered to be the same as indoor dining. The state of Maryland is gearing up for the distribution of a vaccine.

The Mayor wishes all a good Thanksgiving and asks that all follow the CDC guidelines regarding the upcoming holiday.

The road improvement report for 2020 has been submitted. There are no additional new roads. Payment from the state is based upon the number of miles of roads in the town.

Returning members of Planning and Zoning committee was announced as well as the new members. A motion from Commissioner Secundy was made to approve the members of the committee. The motion was carried. Thanks was given to Margo Pinson for all her support over the years.

The virtual hearing for the Comprehensive plan review is expected to be held in December.

There was another leak on the second floor of the Town Hall from inside the building. Water was gushing out of the water tank and leaked onto the floor which will eventually be repaired. The HVAC system has been repaired. An HVAC inspection was also done. Inspections will be done every six months. The museum had an HVAC inspection this week and that system was fine. The chair lift inspection will be done in the near future. An inspector and a third-party inspector are required.

Commissioner Murchison asked if checks were done for any mold resulting from the water tank leak in the town hall. Mayor Sanders said no mold resulted and this will be monitored.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Brewington sent out a lighting report for Lake Avenue to the board members to review. The beach benches are being assembled. Two of the six benches are complete. The road work on Lake Avenue and Wells Lane has been completed. Commissioner Secundy asked about the stakes and markings in front of the lot across from his house. It was speculated that the owners of the lot may be considering building and perhaps had a survey done.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Citizens' Input

The meeting was again open for citizen's input.

Set next meeting date and adjourn

The next meeting was set for 11:00 am on December 19, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Aundrea Naylor, Highland Beach Clerk