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**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
EASTON TOWN HALL
14 S HARRISON STREET**

September 16, 2019

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

Mayor Robert C. Willey
President of the Council John Ford
Councilmember Donald M. Abbatiello
Councilmember Ron E. Engle
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Also present was the Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Manager Mr. Donald Richardson, Town Engineer Mr. Rick VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mrs. Cook led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MR. ALAN GIRARD, EASTERN SHORE DIRECTOR – CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION; TOM LEIGH, REGIONAL WATERSHED SERVICES PROVIDER – HEALTHY WATERS WORKING GROUP; JOANNA OGBURN, JBO CONSULTING – ENVISION THE CHOPTANK TO BRIEF MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON HEALTHY WATERS AND BOAT TRIP.

Mr. Girard, Eastern Shore Director, introduced Tom Leigh and Joanna Ogburn, facilitator for Envision the Choptank. Mr. Girard gave an update on the waters. Long term, gains are going in the right direction, crab numbers are up, oyster restoration is better and water quality standards are being met. By 2025, all the practices will be in place and the water quality standards should be met from the progress.

Mr. Girard discussed what is going on in Pennsylvania which effects the health of the Susquehanna and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Tom Leigh discussed the Healthy Waters Roundtable; a collaborative effort which was formed to figure out how to respond to the Federal Government to find ways for best management approaches. He stated he has been working with the Easton Tree Board.

Ms. Joanna Ogburn discussed working to maintain water and quality while taking in the community needs. She stated that she is working with Talbot and Dorchester to benefit the Choptank watershed. She stated that she is excited to continue working with the Town on restoration efforts. Ms. Ogburn stated that she wants to help with WIP planning and MS4 planning.

Mr. Girard discussed the continuity of Wednesday, October 16 registration deadline.

Mayor Willey discussed oyster restoration that was recently mentioned in the Star Democrat.

Discussion occurred regarding the \$385,000 ditch implementation which will be requested from DNR for the Technology Park.

MEETING.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey stated that he has nothing at this time.

President Ford asked if there are questions for Mayor Willey. There were none.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT REQUESTS:

- First Baptist Church Block Party 9/20/19.
- For All Season Chalking Event 10/4/19.
- EHS Homecoming Parade 10/4/19.
- Academy Art Museum 10/10/19 – 10/13/19.
- 5k race 11/16/19.

55 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly
56 events were approved.

57 **APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAR LOAD REFUSE TRUCK.**

58 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was
59 granted to accept the bid from SOURCEWELL in the amount of \$155,783 for a new rear load
60 refuse truck. The body will be furnished by Maryland Industrial Trucks, Inc. of Linthicum,
61 Maryland and the chassis will be furnished through Transteck, Inc. of Easton. Mr. Richardson stated
62 that there is currently \$160,000 in the budget for this purchase with delivery spring 2020.

63 **APPROVAL FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL RESTORATION**
64 **AND ADDITIONS, 31 & 34 S LOCUST LANE.**

65 Town Manager Mr. Richardson stated that on Wednesday, August 21, one bid was received for the
66 residential restoration and additions for 31 and 34 South Locust Lane. The bid was received after the
67 publicly advertised request for proposal and a pre-bid meeting had been performed. On August 27,
68 the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) was sent a request to allow
69 for a single bid acceptance which was approved on September 3. The bid was received from West &
70 Callahan, Inc. in the amount of \$167,600 for 31 South Locust Lane and \$190,108 for 34 South
71 Locust Lane.

72 Mr. Richardson stated that the houses have been put on new foundations and will have a complete
73 renovation and restored and offered for sale for low to moderate income households.

74 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the bid from
75 West & Callahan, Inc. in the amount of \$167,600 for 31 South Locust Lane and \$190,108 for 34
76 South Locust Lane was approved.

77 **RECOMMENDATION FOR CAPITAL PROJECT 19-08 ENTRANCE-SECURITY**
78 **RENOVATION.**

79 Town Manager Mr. Richardson stated that the Town has acquired proposals from multiple sources
80 for Security Glazing for the planned capital project 19-08 Entrance Security Renovation. He stated
81 that proposals were received from Go Glass, Total Security Solutions and Clear Security Systems.

82 Mr. Richardson recommended accepting the proposal received from Total Security Solution for the
83 full design including the security door in the amount of \$27,754.

84 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, the bid as
85 recommended from Total Security Solution was approved.

86 President Ford asked when the roll off will be removed from in front of the Town office. Mr.
87 Richardson stated that the roll off will be removed this week.

88 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

89 The Town Attorney stated that the Board of Appeals variance application for 30 S Aurora Street has
90 been cancelled.

91 **RESOLUTION NO. 6108, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING**
92 **THE AMENDED EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENOVATION PROGRAM FOR**
93 **OWNER OCCUPIED HOMES."**

94 President Ford stated that Mr. Jim Bent, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Program is in the
95 audience.

96 Mr. Bent outlined the changes regarding the renovation program. He stated that Susan Filbird has
97 been a great addition to the staff of the Affordable Housing Board.

98 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
99 6108 was approved.

100 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$1,074,516.26.**

101 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, invoices totaling
102 \$1,074,516.26 were approved.

103 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

104 Mr. Abbatiello thanked EPD for their assistance at the beginning of the school year for students
105 returning to school.

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107 Mrs. Cook invited everyone to the Idlewild Park Ribbon cutting October 15.

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109 **AUDIENCE COMMENTS.**
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111 Mr. Raymond Ekroos, 3832 Margits Lane, Trappe was present to discuss parking concerns. Mr.
112 Ekroos did not think the three-hour parking on West Street was sufficient. He stated that there are
113 two major courts and the Talbot County library west of West Street. He displayed a copy of tickets
114 and stated there are no stipulations regarding when to pay the ticket. Mr. Ekroos discussed
115 Resolution No. 6062 and the time limits.
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117 Mr. Silverstein stated that there is free parking for eight hours near District Court.
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119 **ADJOURNMENT.**

120 At 8:11 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously,
121 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.
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125 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk
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