

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**TELECONFERENCE**

**February 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was called to order

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair  
Kevin M. Bianca  
Erin S. Hughes  
Donna L. Kahoe  
Patrick T. Richards

**STAFF 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  
Patti Parker, Community & Public Relations Manager  
Charles Keenan, Town Counsel  
Kevin Small, Director of Planning - arrived 7:42 p.m.  
Joan Suitt, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Chmielewski advised the objective of the teleconference is to conduct normal business of the Town of Bel Air during the COVID-19 pandemic we all are experiencing. A teleconference allows us to comply with social distancing, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

**Meeting Etiquette/Protocol**

Chair Chmielewski reviewed the protocol for the meeting and reminded all participants to identify themselves before speaking.

**Roll Call**

Chair Chmielewski conducted the roll call. Those present are listed above. No others identified themselves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Chmielewski called for approval of the Agenda.

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as written.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards and Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that the minutes of the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners' meetings held on January 19, 2021 and January 26, 2021 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards and Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Charter Resolution 134-21 Amending Article VIII. Taxation Section 806. Tax Credit for Firemen Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Members of the Town Charter of the Town of Bel Air

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that the Charter Resolution 134-21, amending Article VIII Taxation Section 806. Tax Credit for Firemen Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Members of the Town Charter of the Town of Bel Air be received by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards, Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., via teleconference, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance 797-21 An Ordinance Amending Bel Air Town Code Chapter 50 Finance and Taxation to include Article VII Property Tax Credit for Active Duty Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Members

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that Ordinance 797-21, amending Bel Air Town Code Chapter 50 Finance and Taxation to include Article VII Property Tax Credit for Active Duty Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Volunteer Members, be received by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards, Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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Personnel Policy Amendments: Policy II.B.01.a-g Working Conditions Working Hours

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that amended Personnel Policy II.B.01.a-g entitled Working Conditions Working Hours, Section d. Compensatory Time Accrual, be adopted by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards, Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Bulk Road Salt Contract

Commissioner Bianca moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that Agreement No 21-119 and any subsequent Addendums between Eastern Salt Company, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Lowell, Massachusetts and Harford County Government to supply bulk road de-icing be accepted by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards, Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Reappointment to Historic Preservation Commission - Jennifer Mainster Hanna

Commissioner Hughes moved and Commissioner Kahoe seconded the motion that the reappointment of Jennifer Mainster Hanna to the Bel Air Historical Preservation Commission for a term of three (3) years, effective immediately, be approved by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners.

Commissioner Hughes is pleased Ms. Hanna is serving another term with the Historic Preservation Commission and welcomed her.

Ayes: Commissioners Bianca, Hughes, Kahoe, Richards, Chmielewski

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chair Chmielewski thanked everyone who participated in the Polar Bear Plunge raising money for Special Olympics.

Chair Chmielewski informed Restaurant Week in Harford County has been extended to February 4<sup>th</sup> and encouraged visiting the Town's wonderful restaurants.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved: February 16, 2021

Signature on file

Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair  
Board of Town Commissioners

Signature on file

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk