

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Dorsey, Lundy and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Dorsey gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 24, 2018 Council Meeting minutes:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **PEACE CROSS UPDATE:** Renee Green, Patriotic Committee, announced oral arguments will be presented before the Supreme Court on February 27th at 10:00 a.m. Each side will be given 35 minutes to present his/her case. She recommended to better understand the background and follow the legal status of the case, residents can view this information at www.savethepeacecross.com
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker):** The audience was given the opportunity to speak on issues of interest to the Town.
- VII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of January 2019. A copy of Mayor James' and Council Member Lundy's written reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website
Council Member Dorsey
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Lundy
Council Member Mendoza
Mayor James
- VIII. **STAFF REPORTS:**, written copies of Staff Departmental updates on activities of interest during January 2019 were made available at the meeting. Additionally, copies of the reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website
Code Enforcement
Public Works
Public Safety
Finance
Marketing
Town Clerk

Town Administrator

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 1-2019: Ethics: Second Reading and Vote: Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Lundy moved to approve the Ordinance as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Sick Leave Bank Policy: Town Administrator Sandlin recommended ten changes in the policy concerning requests and approvals for use of employee sick leave from the Sick Leave- Bank. Council Member Lundy moved to approve the amended Sick Leave Bank policy as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Starting Salary for Police Officers: Captain Collington explained increasing the baseline pay for new officers complements the departments goal to become a highly sought after Police Department. The proposal would raise the base pay from \$46,000 to \$48,262. This increase would also be applied to seven current officers.

Council Member Lundy moved to approve the increase in starting Police Officer pay as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This rate increase will take effect March 1, 2019.

XI. NEW BUSINESS


Emergency Ordinance 2-2019: Wireless Telecommunication Towers: Reading and Vote: Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Dorsey moved to approve the Emergency Ordinance as presented; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

As an Emergency Ordinance, this law goes into effect immediately upon passage.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor James announced the Maryland Legislative District 47th reception on March 18, 6-8 p.m. in Annapolis and the County Council District 5 Town Hall meeting on March 2, 10 a.m. to noon at the Kentland Community Center.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:35 p.m., Council Member Dorsey moved to adjourn; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk