

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the Opening Prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 9, 2016 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- V. **“WHAT THE FLAG MEANS TO ME” Essay Contest** – The students from the Town’s read their winning essays and received Certificates of Congratulations from the Mayor.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** included
 - Thanks for the recent Town newsletter (Ms. McCutcheon)
 - Concern about loitering and drinking outside Tina’s Restaurant (Mr. Weitz)
 - Food distribution update for Port Towns & Roger’s Heights Elementary Schools (Ms. Knox)
 - Documentation of B5 events promoted & supported by the Town (Ms. Melendez)
 - Praise for the student essayists (Mr. Carlson)
 - Return of the Power Pack summer program (Ms. Peck)
- VII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**
- VIII. **Council Member Bridgeman** spoke about the Orlando tragedy and reminded all to be vigilant.

Council Member Hall attended a meeting with the new owner of the Mattaponi Shopping Center concerning ways to improve its image.

Council Member Mendoza attended Brentwood and Edmonston Days.

Member Ficklin met with Patricia White concerning Kenilworth Ave. revitalization, the PTCDC and the Purple Line. He will be meeting with Sec’y Gill sometime between August and October. He stressed the value to Town Officials get from attending the MML Conference in Ocean City.

Mayor James plans on becoming more involved with Prince George’s County Municipal Association. He attended a collaborative meeting concerning proposed improvements at the Capital Plaza Walmart. He spoke about the Community Health Partners initiatives, the Legislative Dinner working group, National Night Out and Port Towns’ Day..
- IX. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff reports are available at the Town Clerk’s Office or on the Town Website.
 - Public Works**
 - Public Safety**
 - Code Enforcement**

**Treasurer
Town Clerk
Town Administrator**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Council Discretionary Funds:

Council Member Bridgeman requested \$500 for the Bladensburg FOP. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve, seconded by Council Member Hall and passed unanimously.

Council Member Mendoza requested \$200 for Beacon Lights and \$200 for B5. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve, seconded by Hall and passed unanimously.

Council Member Ficklin requested \$75 for Artistic Empowerment and \$75 for Endtime Harvest Ministries. Council Member Bridgeman moved to approve, seconded by hall and passed unanimously.

Council Member Hall requested \$200 for Keep Prince George's Beautiful. Council Member Ficklin moved to approved, seconded by Council Member Bridgeman and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1-2016: Adoption of 2017 Budget and Setting the Real Property Tax Rate - Second Reading and Vote; Following the second reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Ficklin moved to approve Ordinance 2-2016; Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Ficklin-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Nay, Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Mayor James-Aye. The motion passed four (4) to one (1)

XII. NEW BUSINESS

First Reading Ordinance 2-2016: To amend Ordinance 8-2012 – Town Seal, Town Logo, Stationary: The Town Clerk performed the First Reading.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m. Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk