

Town of Somerset  
4510 Cumberland Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Minutes for Special Council Meeting held on April 15, 2020.

**Council members present:** Marnie Shaul; Barbara Zeughauser; Steve Surko; Franny Peale; Morris Panner; **Mayor:** Jeffrey Slavin; **Town Manager:** Matthew Trollinger; **Town Administrative Assistant:** Linda Williams; **Town Attorney:** Ron Bolt; **Residents and other attendees:** Matt Zaft (Dorset Ave.); Jack Frink (Cumberland Ave.); Ann Bolten (Cumberland Ave.); Phyllis Wiesenfelder (Cumberland Ave.); Jim Berry (Essex Ave.); Paul Corcoran (Member Splash)

2:30 p.m.      Public Hearing/Motion: Approval of contract with Member Splash for Town Pool sign-in and member software in the amount of \$5,000

Paul Corcoran (Member Splash) introduced the software and its capabilities for the Town to host the Town's membership.

The Town asked for assurances on support, and whether or not the Town had the internet capability needed. The Town will work with Member Splash to do a system check. Mr. Corcoran also noted that if the internet connectivity is down, there is a local version of the database that would allow the Town to continue to check in members.

Mr. Corcoran also said that Member Splash has a contract contingency if the pool does not open or is delayed. There will still be an initial start-up cost, but the ongoing costs could be reduced or altogether removed depending on the pool opening.

Matt Zaft (Dorset Ave.) noted that the Pool Committee recommends contracting with Member Splash, and that Member Splash will improve the service at the pool whenever the pool is able to open.

Council member Shaul motioned to approve contract, with provision that if the pool doesn't open the Town will be able to have a reduced payment plan as discussed. Council member Peale seconded. Council member Panner introduced an amendment to the motion, making it contingent upon the Town performing a connectivity and internet capability check. Council member Zeughauser seconded the amendment. Council members Panner and Surko voted for the amendment; Council members Shaul, Zeughauser and Peale voted against; the amendment failed. The Council voted on the original motion; all in favor.

2:55 p.m. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider recommendations from the Board of Supervisors of Elections on Town of Somerset election procedures, and consideration of ELECTEC to provide Election Service to Town of Somerset for 2020 Town Election.

Board of Supervisors of Election Chair, Phyllis Wiesenfelder (Cumberland Ave.) explained the Board's process and proposed elections (plans attached at bottom of minutes).

Town Attorney Bolt clarified that at the last meeting, the Town changed the date of the Town election and adopted a Charter amendment allowing the Town to adopt emergency procedures if a state of emergency is declared. This meeting is for the Town Council to consider the specific emergency procedures.

Mr. Bolt also noted that ELECTEC has been contracted with several of the local municipalities in the nearby area that he represents.

The Town created an email account for the Board of Elections to receive emails from Town residents confirming registration for the election.

Matt Zaft (Dorset Ave.) asked the Council to consider extending the date of the petition date from April 20 to April 28, as was mentioned at the last Council meeting. The Council discussed with ELECTEC if that was possible, and confirmed that it was. Mr. Zaft also asked about voter registration, and asked that the information be sent out to residents.

Council member Surko asked Town Attorney Bolt for clarification on eligibility for voting. Mr. Bolt explained that if people are temporarily away, they are not ineligible, and that eligibility is determined by residence.

Council member Peale motioned to change nomination via petition deadline from April 21 to April 28; Council member Zeughauser seconded; all in favor.

Council member Peale motioned to add requirement that Election Board confirm receipt of registration from residents; Council member Zeughauser seconded; all in favor.

Council member Peale motioned to adopt ordinance declaring state of emergency and activating emergency plan as presented by the Board of Supervisors of Elections; Council member Shaul seconded; all in favor.

Council member Peale motioned to enter into contract with ELECTEC as election service provider for 2020 Town Election; Council member Zeughauser seconded; all in favor.

3:38 p.m. Introduction of non-codified Ordinance introducing budget

Town Manager Trollinger explained that the budget that was introduced at the previous meeting must be introduced by ordinance according to Maryland law.

Council member Shaul motioned to introduce the ordinance.

3:39 p.m. Meeting adjourned.