

### **TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING ON MAY 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Voveris. In attendance were Councilmembers Boteler, Shaw, Stevenson, Weisgerber and Councilmember Callaway participated remotely. Town Manager Hartman, Chief Crowson and Administrative Assistant Smith were also present. Councilman Schrader was not present due to an excused absence.

Town Manager Hartman updated the Council on a number of current issues including the recent Town Hall deck installation, the recent cold patching by Delmarva Power on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street that was a result of new lighting on Canal, the current road micro-surfacing project, and the upcoming Election necessitating re-purposing of the Council Room after the Art in the Hall function on May 26.

The May 12, 2017, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted and are posted on the Town website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org).

Bid results for Bid No. 17-04 Town of South Bethany Police Station Addition received on May 17 were discussed at length (click on link below to view the Bid Tabulation Sheet). Three bids were received and all were tremendously higher than what Council anticipated from the architect's research and projected cost estimate from a professional construction source. The bids were indicative of the current commercial building boom and supply vs. demand. They were also indicative of the reality to pursue this expansion.

The Council unanimously voted to reject all three bids due to high unexpected costs and discussed scenarios moving forward over time to still have consideration for this Police Department expansion. These scenarios might include funding through borrowing, a tax increase, use of the ARM Reserve, or a Building Drive. Any financial planning should be reviewed and recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee. Any consideration by Council would have to be thoroughly vetted to include owner input at future public meetings.

The Council unanimously voted to pursue an alternative conceptual plan for some possible re-purpose of the existing PD space to address important issues of sub-standard operation and potential liability with the architect who offered his services to address immediate needs. A meeting will take place later next week with the architect, Mayor, Chief, Town Manager and Treasurer. Details of the meeting will be brought forward by the Mayor at the June Town Council Regular Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30. Minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the June Organizational Meeting and promptly posted to our website.

**[Click here to view the Bid Tabulation Sheet](#)**