

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING MAY 22, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the Open Session Meeting of May 22, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Hurlock Town Office on Charles Street in Hurlock, MD. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Earl Murphy gave the opening prayer. The roll call was taken, and those in attendance were: Councilmembers Russell Murphy, Earl Murphy, Bonnie Franz, Mayor Spratt, Town Attorney Robert Merriken and Town Administrator/Clerk John Avery.

Councilman R. Murphy made a Motion to approve the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Franz. With all in favor and no one opposed the Motion to approve the Agenda was passed and carried with a vote of 3-0.

Councilman Earl Murphy made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2017 Open Session Meeting. Councilwoman Bonnie Franz seconded the Motion. With all in favor and no one opposed, the Motion to approve the Minutes was passed and carried with a vote of 3-0.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Spratt announced that Maryland Health Care will meet at the fire house on June 1<sup>st</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Department of the Environment will have a public meeting at the Hurlock Legion regarding the vertical expansion of the landfill. June, July and August the Town will have one meeting a month. The new website has gone live. The Mayor stated that the fund raiser for Russ Murphy was held yesterday at the East New Market Fire Department. The Hurlock fire department did a great job in helping and with the food preparation. A lot of people pitched in to help. Mayor Spratt presented Councilmember Murphy with over \$13,000 and said more donations are expected.

**Department Reports** –

**Public Works** -Administrator Avery reported that the demolition of the buildings on 102 and 104 N. Main St. should be done within the next two weeks. The new website is live and can be accessed at hurlock-md.gov

**Hurlock Fire Department** – No report

**Hurlock Police Department** – No report

**New Business** – Administrator Avery described three plans (fair housing, minority business and equal opportunity) that are required for CDBG funds. Councilman E. Murphy motioned to approve the three plans, with a second from Councilmember Franz and a 3/0 vote the plans were approved. The plans are good for three years.

**Councilmembers** –

Councilman Russ Murphy spoke on the yard programs and thanked everyone for the fund raiser.

Councilmember Franz thanked everyone that attended and helped with the fund raiser as well.

Councilmember E. Murphy said he is glad to see some new faces at the meeting. He said people should walk through this town and look at everything that is going on. Keep young adults in ~~young~~ prayers (graduating seniors).

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**Public Comments** –

Faye Fraley presented the Town with a \$5,000 check from the legion for the start of the memorial park.

Paul Grahe asked why crop dusters spray at odd times. Avery said that question should be directed to the USDA, they would have the correct answers.

Jack Lewis asked what is the procedure to file a complaint with the Ethics Commission.

Adjourn: 6:25

Respectively submitted,

John Avery  
Administrator  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: Mayor Spratt:

Councilmembers:

Rev. Charles T. Gehan