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Work Session Minutes August 15, 2022| 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Town Manager Laura Allen, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present was Robert Mann of Manns Architecture. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested to amend the agenda, adding the flooding event in lieu of the PEPCO presentation. The requested amendment placed the flooding event after the two presentations by Chief Antolik and Manns Architecture. MPT Brittan-Powell requested that the agenda be amended to move the ARPA application discussion to Administration instead of PRECA. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the funding amount that was allocated to the police/town hall building project. He expressed his discomfort with the project and the funding being part of the project list. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that no funding has actually been allocated, but rather that it is an item that was approved for further study. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Fall Maryland Municipal League conference is coming up and to let TC Friesen know if any Councilmember is interested in attending. CM Hemby shared that the Boys and Girls club is in need of volunteers for all positions, including coaches, assistant coaches, concession stand attendants, and more. She encouraged everyone interested in volunteering to reach out to Robin Harris for more information.

b. Presentation Pepco

Presentation cancelled

c. Police Chief Presentation on Traffic Enforcement

Chief Kenneth Antolik spoke on the matter of traffic enforcement. He stated that in 2020, there were 1552 traffic citations. In 2021, there were 1448 and that through July of 2022 there have been 1419 citations. 225 of those citations in 2022 were stop sign violations and that there were 27 stop sign citations in July. Officers are making stops for traffic violations and loud exhaust noise. He further explained that due to staffing levels when officers are responding to other calls, there aren't always officers available

for traffic enforcement. He cited a recent example where a burglary investigation occupied officers for a considerable period and that it required calling in additional support to maintain services in Town. He also shared that he publishes a weekly and monthly report in an effort to be fully transparent; it includes the number of and types of violations occurring in the community. Yearly, he publishes a report with ten year trends. He added that in the approximately 1 square mile that is the Town of Berwyn Heights, there are about 200 stop signs and that staffing for the police department is 1-2 officers on shift at a time. He shared that the police force is diverse and multicultural. They are not able to prevent all crime or traffic violations in Town, but they work hard with the resources that are available to them. He also wanted to share the mental health resources available to residents. They include calling Maryland 2-1-1 for mental health emergency services. The Prince George's County Health Department offers resources for non-emergency support M-F 8:30am-5:30pm at 301-883-7879. The Santé group also works within the County and can be reached at 301-429-2185 for more information. Chief Antolik also spoke on the recent flooding, sharing that an officer checked the storm drain to make sure it wasn't clogged by debris from the recent windstorm damage, and found it was just overwhelmed by the amount of rain water. He stated that Police Department employees have donated out of their own pockets to residents who are experiencing storm damage, and that other residents had donated at the Police Department, and that canned food, gift cards and cleaning supplies are available. He can be reached during regular business hours and administrative staff at the Department can offer recovery support as well.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy redirected the topic back to traffic, stating that with the number of resident complaints on loud exhaust systems, she was curious if noise detectors would be a possibility. Chief Antolik replied that he is familiar with gunshot detectors, which differentiate between fireworks and gunshots and indicate the direction of the incident, but that he is unfamiliar with anything that would address loud exhaust systems. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about stop sign cameras. Chief Antolik replied that while legal in Washington DC, they are not legal in the State of Maryland. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about speed bumps. Chief Antolik replied that if Council wanted to add speedbumps, he had locations that he could give for consideration. He also wanted to ensure that speedbumps would not interfere with emergency vehicles and snowplows. He reiterated that most speeding violations are done by residents and that the BHPD cannot have selective enforcement. He mentioned a hand-held "DragonCam" radar system that could be used for speeding enforcement anywhere in Town. He added that during the first three weeks of school there is a zero-tolerance policy for traffic violations. He also reiterated that when severe crime calls go up, traffic enforcement goes down.

CM Hemby addressed the rumor that the Council is trying to get rid of the Police Department; the Council instead is acting as a liaison between the residents and the Police Department. She stated that they are seeking remedies, not complaints. She asked about installing removable speed humps and stop signs with flashing lights. Chief Antolik stated that when residents share intersections that are problematic, he will sit at those signs to monitor them. He also stated he was going to recommend solar flashing stop signs in some locations. He is willing to inquire about removable speed humps for cost and durability and will consult with Public Works and TM Allen. CM Hemby shared her last concern, stating that MPT Brittan-Powell gave suggestions in a couple of emails about what another municipality in the area is doing to measure the effectiveness of their officers. Chief Antolik replied that he meets with every officer at the beginning

of the year and provides them with a set of performance expectations. He continued that he is not going to be giving the officers quotas to meet and leaves that to the officer's discretion. He stated that the monthly report shows which officer is writing what citations. He also stated that giving quotas can be illegal in the State of Maryland and that quotas also increase bias. He stated that the focus is primarily on Community Policing, laying out a number of programs that the Police Department is instrumental in coordinating that take a considerable amount of time and effort. He prefers to work with families when juveniles are involved. CM Hemby stated that she knows that Berwyn Heights is a safe community and she'd like to develop a workgroup with the Police Department to avoid a sense of accusations. She continued that she'd like to see more traffic enforcement and to see more officers hired specifically for traffic enforcement. She also asked if there was a possibility to increase the fines. Chief Antolik replied that Maryland law determines the fines and that the fines in Town are at the legal maximums. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would like to see citation comparisons from before 2020 to see what enforcement looked like before COVID. He also stated that there seems to be a discrepancy between what residents say about enforcement and what the Police Department says they are doing. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about how we advertise the enforcement of traffic laws.

Resident Claudia Barragan began speaking, citing Ordinance 124, insisting that residents who were here to speak about the flooding event have the opportunity to speak, as they have been waiting for an hour at this time.

d. Manns Architecture presentation was held until after the flooding discussion.

However, Mr. Mann was unable to stay on the line that late, and the presentation will be rescheduled.

e. Flooding event/Storm Update (amended and reordered agenda item)

Resident Claudia Barragan expressed dismay that even though the flooding event happened during the Council meeting on Aug. 10, 2022 the event wasn't included on this agenda. She cited Ordinance 124 again, continuing that several families and children were impacted by the event. Resident Alejandra Vasquez spoke stating that she hopes the Council understands the frustration of the residents impacted by the storm. She has two single mothers in her basement who lost everything in the flood. She stated that she is repetitively buying pumps for the basement as they flood often. She reported hearing that the Town knows that the storm drainpipes are too small to handle heavy storms and wanted to know why the Town hasn't made steps to fix them when they know the drainage to be inadequate. She also expressed concern about the building growth in the area when the storm drain infrastructure is already inadequate. She expressed her desire for the Town to help out with what needs to be done.

Resident Yeni Santos of 59th Ave stated that there are three houses on 59th that flood every time it rains. She reported that the drain was inspected by the County after the flood event of 2014 and that she has received no financial aid to remedy the situation. She reported the storm drain backs up and water comes in, not just from the rain but also from the storm drain. She stated that she has three sump pumps to move the flood waters, but because the storm drain is overwhelmed, the waters just back up into her property again. The flood event in 2014 cost \$72,000 to repair. She also stated that no one from the Town checked on them after the storm event on July 12, 2022. She continued, stating that when the storm drain is overwhelmed, it is like the water is

boiling out of the drain.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the storm drain system is owned by the County and that efforts are being made by the Town to encourage the County to address the issue.

Another resident on 59th Avenue stated that they lost everything in the basement. She didn't want to go downstairs because they were afraid of being electrocuted. She stated that she called the Volunteer Fire Department to see if they could turn off the electricity to make it safe. She said that the VFD stated that they don't do that, that they didn't ask for any of her identifying information or inquire about her safety. CM Papanikolas asked for clarification that the resident had called the VFD directly, not 9-1-1. She confirmed that she called the fire department directly.

Resident Yony Quintanilla, owner of 8904, stated that since 2014 no one from the Town has helped them. He reported there being meetings on the topic of flooding at that time and that Chief Antolik was a part of them, but nothing came from those meetings. He continued that the main problem is that the main drain isn't working, and that water gathers at that location. He stated that he was here today to see what is going to be done about the drains and to find out when it is going to happen. He said that residents need this to be solved now and that is what they are wanting to hear. He stated that it feels like they don't exist in Town and that their concerns and suffering aren't being acknowledged. He would like to see specific timelines on when things will be done. He also stated that he was grateful to the Town for the extra trash bins that had been brought by for their clean up.

Ms. Santos returned to the podium to speak on another storm related issue, that every time it rains the mulch from the Community Garden drains into her yard and patio. She spoke again on the strength of this flood, stating that the water broke down the door of a neighboring house and there was 7 feet of water in the basement. The landlord is working hard to clean it up but that they will be calling the news if results aren't seen. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she will be speaking with the County on this and will be reaching out to residents to speak to the County as well.

Ms. Barragan spoke again saying that it will take at least \$12,000 per house for clean up from the storm. She expressed that the tax money paid to the Town should be used to aid in recovery. She continued that stormwater management is part of the ARPA funding. She asked that the combined Police Department/Town Hall building be struck from the ARPA projects list. She further stated that they are giving the Council/Administration a deadline of 30 days to produce results. She continued that the Immigrant Neighbors Community will report the Town regarding equal access and language access. Ms. Barragan continued that members of the Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCbh) had already reached out to the County and others to report the perceived lack of response by the Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked who the INCbh had reached out to so that the Town could add to their efforts. Ms. Barragan replied that they would not supply that information and that the Town should reach out to the County on their own.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that for clarity that the Town does not own the storm drain system and that they are not allowed to do work on that system.

Resident Joan Hayden stated that she has lived here all her life. She shared that the space where the Community Garden is now is a town street Right of Way and that in the 1970s, the mayor at that time put in a culvert along the Right of Way along 59th Ave. She stated that area was meant to be a Right of Way and not a garden. She also recalled that in 2014, a meeting was held in the 2nd floor of Town Center with representatives from

another agency. She stated her belief that something should have been done eight years ago and would like to know when something is going to be done.

Resident Jimmy Diamond reported having 4 feet, 4 inches of water in his basement that so far has cost \$13,500 for remediation, not even considering what was lost. He shared a brief story about the resident who lived in his basement as a rental in 2014 nearly losing her dog in that event. He stated that he recalled that some sort of maintenance was done on the storm drains in the aftermath of the 2014 flood. He shared that since he has no flood insurance, he will be paying out of pocket, and it will be approximately \$24,000 to completely recover. He believed that it was a Town issue but stated that he understands now that it is primarily a County issue and will be directing his concerns that way.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the storm drain infrastructure was turned over to the County during the 1960-80s.

Ms. Barragan spoke again stating that she had a message from the landlord of the houses that were damaged in the flood. She reported that his message was that he believes this is a Town issue; that after every flood event the Town says it is a County issue but nothing ever changes. She stated that they want to see in writing where the County is responsible for the storm drains not the Town.

Resident Jose Valcarcel stated that he wasn't affected by the floods but has been trying to help residents who were. He stated that the Town needs to stop saying it's a County issue and take responsibility, from a safety standpoint. He believes that from a safety standpoint the Town should buy and provide sandbags to residents who are frequently flooded. He also mentioned portable, temporary flood doors that could be purchased to help residents who are frequently affected by storm damage.

Resident Angie Wolfinger stated that she lived in Mr. Diamond's basement during the 2014 flood. When that flood happened, there were three different fire departments that responded. She stated that there were FEMA buckets available for pick up with cleaning supplies. There were about 20 houses affected by the 2014 flood. The Community Center was set up as a rescue center for people to go and there was coordination on getting hotel rooms. She stated that she doesn't understand how when everyone knew about the flood in 2014 that it wasn't widespread knowledge this time. She expressed wanting to know what happened to trigger all the support in 2014 and why it didn't happen this time.

Ms. Barragan stated that Ms. Wolfinger got support in 2014 because she is white. Ms. Barragan continued that she is the only one who has provided support to the residents this time, that she was the one who contacted FEMA and the Red Cross as the Town did not respond.

Ms. Santos responded that she did not receive any aid or assistance in the 2014 flood from FEMA or any other organization.

Ms. Barragan continued that when Mayor Kulpa-Eddy went to speak with residents on 59th Avenue, that she only spoke with white homeowners. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that she spoke with all those that were standing outside. Ms. Vasquez stated that she has a camera and has video that the Mayor did not speak with everyone. TM Allen responded that she spoke with Mr. Robson as he had another topic to discuss with her.

Ms. Hayden asked about the new houses that have been built in Town in the last decade and how their hardscape affects the storm water runoff. She asked how do you get people to understand that when they build they affect stormwater runoff? She returned

to the Community Garden and asked what happened to the culvert that was there and how to fix water run-off from neighboring properties.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he wasn't here in 2014 but that he understands that there are 3 natural directions that water will stream in Town, with 59th Ave being the most difficult of those to address.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there was a hydrologic study in 2015 which showed that the storm drains are too small and at too steep of an angle to properly manage water. At that time the County said it was tens of millions of dollars to address and to-date they have placed the Berwyn Heights storm drains in their capital improvement budgets.

Resident Omar, husband of Ms. Santos, stated that all he hears is talk, talk, talk. He asked what is the Town waiting for, for lives to be lost? He asked what the Town is going to do to fix it and when are you going to fix it.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there were more comments on the flooding issue and closed the item.

Police Chief Presentation on Traffic Enforcement (continued)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy returned to the topic of traffic enforcement for resident comments. Resident Joan Hayden stated that in response to CM Hemby's question about what can be done to enforce traffic laws, in the early 2000s there was a Safe Streets Committee that met on the topic of how to make the streets safer. She doesn't know why things weren't done but believes the Town should pull up the report and look at it. She spoke on growing up in the Town and how parents looked out for all the kids. She also shared that she doesn't see respect from kids to adults. She stated that the Police Department is active and is the reason that the Town is safe. CM Hemby replied that she is grateful for Ms. Hayden's comments. Further, she stated that the Boys and Girls Club is important, as well as more activities to help the kids while they are young. She also reiterated that there is no Council discussion about disbanding the Police Department. Ms. Hayden stated that when she was young there were lots more activities for kids, such as movie nights at the Town Center. She also encouraged new members to join the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness meetings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy encouraged Ms. Hayden to speak with CM Papanikolas as he is the PRECA liaison. Ms. Hayden also asked about getting residents in rental homes involved in the Town.

At 9:07 there was a short break to address a camera change. The meeting returned at 9:09.

MPT Brittan-Powell returned the conversation to traffic enforcement and Chief Antolik returned to the conversation. He stated that he held a misunderstanding that the Police Department doesn't see the disparity about what residents are reporting and what the Police Department says that they are doing. Chief Antolik replied that yes, the Police Department does see the traffic issues, but enforcement is a challenge in every municipality. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the use of performance expectations in enforcement. Chief Antolik stated that if the Council wished to add quotas to the performance of the Police Department, he would like the Council to put it in writing. MPT Brittan-Powell and chief went back and forth on if a quota and performance expectation are the same thing. Chief Antolik stated that when you start putting numbers to an expectation it puts you on thin ice. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared an email conversation with the Maryland Municipal League that indicated you have to be very careful, as numeric performance expectations may be considered illegal. MPT Brittan-

Powell stated that the email communications with MML states that when things are done poorly it's a problem but when they are done well, it is fine, so the key would be to do it well. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell and Chief Antolik spoke about the performance expectations for the Department, the definition of a quota and the evaluations of each officer annually. Chief Antolik reiterated that the officers that are here are handpicked and if they do not meet the performance during evaluations, they are asked to leave. He highlighted that there have been no civil rights violations in his tenure.

d. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the August calendar and stated that there are no changes and highlighted the NW/EP meeting on Sept 7th. CM Hemby asked why there was no meeting until September 14. She wanted to know how the issue of flooding will be addressed before then and how the Council gets answers quickly. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that the Town can put pressure on the County without meeting, including letter writing. CM Hemby stated that the Town needs to do more than write letters, that the Town needs to make noise. She asked about what happens if it rains next week. CM Hemby views this as a two-fold issue, that we need the County to address the drainage and funding for recovery needs to be done before September 14th. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that she is working on the drainage with the County, but that doesn't preclude anyone, including Council, from also reaching out to their County Councilmembers: Dannielle Glaros for District 3, and At-Large Councilmembers Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins to put pressure on them to take action. CM Papanikolas also stated that flooding falls under the Department of the Environment and to contact them. TM Allen reviewed that the County has not put drainage in Berwyn Heights in their Capital Improvements list and has not budgeted to address it. She continued that according to her contacts at the County that it is not in the plan to include it anytime soon. MPT Brittan-Powell proposed holding a listening session, rather than a Council meeting prior to the Town Meeting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she has been considering holding a Town Hall. CM Papanikolas shared that in this meeting alone there has been conversation about the Safe Streets and the Quality-of-Life reports, and the drainage study. He believes that Council has a culture of not spending money when there isn't the cash to pay for it, rather only taking the steps that are free/inexpensive, instead of taking out a bond to do big projects. In a previous Council, a CM shot down a bond bill and since that time, no Council has been willing to take that on. He continued that there is no master Capital Improvement Plan for the Town, and that the Town has needed a plan, process, and procedure in place for a long time. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the Town has been debt free, and the concern has been how would the Town pay for something if the usual cash flow were to dry up. She expressed that if the Town were to take out a bond, they would need to budget so that it could be paid back regardless of changes to Town income. CM Hemby asked about what can be done immediately to address the storm issue. She brought up the doors that Mr. Valcarcel mentioned in his comments. TM Allen replied that sandbags are easy, but the doors are more difficult. Mr. Valcarcel shared the website of the doors he was referring to (dameasyfloodbarriers.com) and Council reviewed the doors. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there would need to be a process to determine who does get flood doors if the Town buys them and reviewed the problems that were identified when a previous Council discussed buying generators to loan during storm events. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared

about the donation efforts that took place during the flooding in 2014 and the complication of having donated funds comingled with Town Funds. It was recommended that the Town establish a 501c3 organization to handle donations, but it did not. CM Hemby asked if there is an emergency fund where the Town can purchase sandbags and flood doors without having a 501c3. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested reallocating the funds in the stormwater ARPA line item. TM Allen said that within the Public Works budget there is the ability to set up a self-serve sandbag station easily. She said the doors need to be reviewed for liability. She added that she has spending authority up to \$10,000, but the Town could address it when her spending limit was reached. She suggested that if this is something that the Town wants that doors could be given rather than loaned out. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she wanted a process to determine who would receive doors, developing criteria such as where the floodwater comes in. Resident Ms. Barragan stated that the Town would need to develop an equitable process for everyone, suggesting that a postcard could be sent to every household to see if they've had a history of flooding. Council discussed a postcard, design, and the process in which it will be distributed. Ms. Barragan spoke on how storms are the result of environmental changes and the ever-changing risks associated with those changes. She asked what the Town will be doing in the next 30 days, when another storm could happen at any time. She continued, expressing her opinion that spending money on a new Police/Town Hall building is not an appropriate use of ARPA funding.

e. News from the Town Manager

- **ARPA projects update**

TM Allen gave an update on the ARPA Projects List that was approved by Council in March of 2022. She mentioned that some of the items that haven't been addressed are the smaller projects such as the purchase of an air scrubber, additional PPE, and deep cleaning of Town Facilities. She stated that Chief Antolik has taken the lead on mental health training. She reviewed that her understanding is that the Town is holding off on the non-profit grant supports until the needs assessment is done by the University. CM Papanikolas mentioned the plans to purchase technology for Berwyn Heights Elementary with the PTA. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for the table to be updated to reflect the corrections for the Town Hall/Police Department project.

Ms. Barragan requested that the building project be removed from the stormwater portion of the document as she doesn't understand why it was in that section to begin with. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that if there had been time for the presentation by Manns Architecture, that would have been made clear. The Town Hall/Police Department project was discussed and will be pulled off this chart to a separate section where it is clear that this is on the table for further study and that no funding has been allocated to it. Ms. Barragan asked about where the budget ordinances can be found on the Town website, stating that she found it difficult to navigate. She also stated that she believes the codification project to be unnecessary.

f. Resident Comments

MPT Brittan-Powell read an email comment from resident Kenny Whitlow. Mr. Whitlow shared that he has clothes that he's happy to donate in various sizes. He encouraged the Council to consider addressing the issue of food insecurity and to work

towards programs that address that issue. He suggested more food-based events in Town and that while the median income may be \$100,000, many residents earn less than that and the Town needs to be attentive to the needs of all. MPT Brittan-Powell added that “Feed the Fridge” has had to cancel their meeting a couple of times, but he anticipates meeting with them soon.

Resident Claudia Barragan shared her experience with the Capital Area Foodbank and how they map food insecurity by a defined set of criteria and that Berwyn Heights doesn’t meet the criteria for the designation “food insecure”. MPT Brittan-Powell replied that while the data may not designate Berwyn Heights as food insecure, that doesn’t invalidate the lived experience of those residents in Berwyn Heights that are experiencing food insecurity.

2. Administration

a. Residential ARPA application update-

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he sees a pressing need for more meetings before the September 14th Town Meeting, likely more than one. He asked the Council for a preference on times and dates. TM Allen spoke that staff needs to be included in those discussions as they may have made plans based on the current schedule of meetings. He would like to have a budget amendment for moving ARPA funding to the University agreement and for flooding issues. He expressed a desire to have a grants manager, to help manage the ARPA fund implementation process, including regular reporting back to the Council. He sees this as a part-time contract position. CM Papanikolas suggested that the most expeditious process to hire a person would be to use the undefined line items in the grants portion of the approved ARPA budget and then back fill the budget once an amendment has been passed. There was discussion among the Council on the best ways to advertise the position as well as the requirement that the position be bilingual. TM Allen asked what the position would be doing until the needs assessment from the University is complete. The Council discussed utilizing this individual for the Residential and Business ARPA relief grant applications. There was discussion with input from Ms. Barragan on the RFP for the position including the deadline for the RFP. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about who would handle writing the RFP. TM Allen replied that staff would write the RFP but would need input from the Council as staff takes their direction from Council. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested a process for handling PII. The Council discussed who would handle an application if there was one turned in before the manager is hired and decided it would be handled by a committee of two Councilmembers and the Town Treasurer.

MPT Brittan-Powell turned the conversation back to additional meetings. Resident Angie Wolfinger asked if meetings were called on short notice how they would notice the meetings. CM Papanikolas stated that it would be through the website, social media and relying on neighbors to help neighbors.

3. Code Compliance

CM Hemby reminded all business owners in Town that their license fees are due. Code Compliance is still working in the community to ensure that recovery repairs are up to code. She also shared that storm debris compliance has been suspended until the end of the month.

4. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team is applying for the Sustainable Community Grant.

They reviewed the plastic bag ban presentation that was given at the Four Cities Meeting and they question who the ban would apply to in Town. He shared the Green Team is helping the Mayor with Team Trivia Night. Lastly, the Green Team has mapped the “Adopt-a-Block” program to find areas that need additional coverage.

5. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Berwyn Heights Police Department is collecting school supplies for Town residents through Friday, September 2nd. A link will be posted to social media for families to use to request supplies. CM Papanikolas shared that disposable masks are needed.

6. Public Works

CM Menjivar was absent, but Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about the Prince George’s County Scrap Tire Amnesty Day on September 17th at the Beltsville Public Works Salt Dome where residents can dispose of up to 10 tires for free.

7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:24PM.