



# Minutes of Town Meeting April 6, 2026

President Charles M. Rhodes, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner John P. Griffin Jr., Commissioner Margaret Coursey and former Town Administrator Nancy Lindyberg.

Commissioner Griffin led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Coursey moved to accept the minutes of March 17, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin moved to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 191/26. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance No. 191/26 is an Ordinance of the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland amending the code of the Town of Church Hill, Chapter 75 "Zoning," Article 3 "Permitted Uses by Zoning District," Article 4 "Overlay Districts," and Article 6 "Site Plans" and enacting a new Article 9 "Solar Energy Systems" to comply with HB 1036 adopted during the 2025 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly; and renumbering Article 9 "Definitions" as Article 10.

President Rhodes explained that during the 2025 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, HB 1036 was enacted. HB 1036 prohibits the Town of Church Hill from adopting certain laws and regulations relating to solar energy generation and requires the Town to expediate the review and approval of certain site development plans relating to solar energy generation recently and allowing the Town, under certain circumstances, to establish a community solar energy generating system automatic enrollment program. This ordinance is in response to HB 1036 and addresses the issues required of the Town contained therein. The Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill forwarded HB 1036 to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The Planning Commission reviewed HB 1036 and recommended to the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill that they adopt this Ordinance in response to HB 1036.

There was only one citizen in attendance at the Public Hearing, Mr. Karl Zierfuss, a business owner in Church Hill. Mr. Zierfuss expressed his strong opposition of a proposed solar array system in the Town of Church Hill.

Commissioner Griffin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 191/26. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Griffin moved to close the Public Hearing and return to regular business. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Committee Reports:**

Planning and Zoning: Commissioner Griffin advised that the Planning Commission has discussed and reviewed the Cannabis Legislation. The date of the next meeting is to be determined at a later time.

Board of Appeals: Nothing to report.

Budget Status Report: Each Commissioner received copies of the General and Sewer Accounts and reviewed same.

**Unfinished Business:**

Maryland Food Bank Food Truck: Ms. Lindyberg advised that the Food Truck is scheduled to be in Church Hill on Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Church Hill Park, 1130 Sudlersville Road.

QAC Library Book Mobile: Ms. Lindyberg advised that the Book Mobile is scheduled to be in Church Hill on Thursday, April 9 and 23, 2026, from 2:45 p.m.- 3:45 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Church Lane.

Church Hill 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Commissioner Coursey gave a detailed update of the progress of the Town's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. She stated that the parade route has been established and they are in need of participants. Commissioner Coursey added that flyers will be distributed shortly with detailed information. She also advised that the next Committee Meeting for the Town's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration is Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Commissioner Coursey presented an Agreement with the band "Mike Hines and the Look", regarding the music entertainment, to be signed by President Rhodes.

Commissioner Griffin moved to accept the Agreement. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Griffin authorized President Rhodes to sign the Entertainment Agreement. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Coursey also presented the Addendum to the Fireworks Agreement for President Rhodes to sign.

Commissioner Griffin moved to authorize President Rhodes to sign the Addendum to the Fireworks Agreement. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

QAC Sheriff's Office Patrol Agreement: President Rhodes advised that the Town has reached an agreement in regards to Sheriff patrols that will be conducted throughout the Town. President Rhodes also stated that these patrols have been scheduled by Commissioner Griffin and have already begun.

Commissioner Griffin stated that the schedule for the April patrols was posted and all time slots have all been filled by the interested patrol officers.

Other: President Rhodes stated that he received an email from Stephen M Chandlee, Director of Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation, indicating that the Pickleball Court builders, will be at the Church Hill Park on Monday April 13, 2026 to stake the area, with construction to follow shortly after and their goal is to have it completed by June 1, 2026.

**New Business:**

Correspondence: None

Introduce and Adopt Resolution No. 143/26 Regulating Election Times: President Rhodes introduced Resolution No. 143/26, a Resolution of the Commission of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland designating the hours that the polls are to be open for the Town's general election on Monday June 1, 2026, as 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Griffin moved to adopt Resolution No. 143/26. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners Authorization Regarding Bulk Trash Pickup: The Commissioners agreed to authorize Ms. Lindyberg to contact Chesapeake Waste Services to schedule the Bulk Trash Pickup for Saturday, May 16, 2026.

**Sewer System:**

Flow Reports: Each Commissioner has a copy of the flow reports to review.

Proposed WWTP Upgrade: President Rhodes stated the permit application has been resubmitted by the Engineers for the Town to the Maryland Department of Environment. The Town is now waiting for MDE's response to move forward.

Other: None

Comments: Mrs. Janet Rochester, resident of Church Hill, asked if something could be done about the area off the bend on New Street, as people seem to be throwing trash there. President Rhodes advised that he spoke with Mr. Toulson from QAC Department of Public Works regarding the possibility of installing a guard rail at the bend on New Street.

Commissioner Griffin moved to adjourn the Town meeting. Commissioner Coursey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lindyberg,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the open Town Meeting held by the Town Commissioners of Church Hill on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Charles M. Rhodes, Jr.  
President