

Open Work Session

**Proposed Avigation Easement Over Tax Map 49, Parcel 204, 5592 Airport Road, Salisbury, MD
October 5, 2021**

Mr. Tony Rudy, Airport Manager, came before Council. He said they have five avigation easement offers right now, and two contain a real property they have to acquire. He explained, this is associated with the runway extension, but any time they work on a piece of pavement, such as the runway, the FAA wants everything to be up to the current FAA standards before they can improve it, so that is why they are going after these easements and acquiring the properties. He said basically this is to protect the airspace, so, if trees grow up in these areas, they will have to cut the trees down. He said also they have to take interest in the runway protection zone, which is off the runway, to make sure nothing is built in that area to protect that as well.

Mr. Rudy said, as they were working on this runway project funding matrix over the last several months, due to decreased funds from the FAA, they had to figure out how local and federal funding fits in over the course of this whole project, so they felt it best to take care of this property acquisition upfront. He said they have extra revenues from the CARES funding that came in last fiscal year, so he had their accountant pull the Munis files and look at their actual expenses from FY21 to their actual revenues, and because of the extra CARES funding that came in, they have plenty to cover all five of these. He clarified, tonight they are just talking about the one that is \$14,400, which offer was out there and the property owner agreed to that avigation easement. He clarified, there will be four others, and it is hard to say right now due to negotiations with landowners, but he would not expect all five of them to be over \$300,000 total, and right now they have enough in their fund balance to cover that.

Mr. Dodd said, if the Council agrees, Mr. Rudy can come back to the next meeting. He then asked if everybody is on-board with this, to which there was a consensus.

There was no further discussion.


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