

Town Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2010

7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Commission President Robert Gell. Also in attendance were Commissioners Michael Doss, Mary Carol Durange and Joseph Letts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryleigh Johnson.

The Accounts Payable were reviewed with Commissioner Doss motioning for approval and all approved. Commissioner Letts stated that he (as Treasurer) would not sign checks unless they on the approved Accounts Payable list.

Minutes from January 12th were reviewed and Commissioner Doss motioned to approve. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Adam Streight was present to deliver the patrol report from December. Cpl. Streight spoke of a resident who apparently is upset with the patrol officers. Mention was made of the usefulness of speed detection devices in Town. Mr. Pumpaly asked the Cpl. Streight do some research on a derelict horse trailer in Town in order to get it removed.

A short discussion relating to a WILMAPCO survey involving various aspects of foot and vehicular transportation in Town. Mention was made of installing sidewalks along Market Street and on the Route 7 end of Bladen Street.

There being no public comment the meeting went to the Town Administrator's report.

- The Artesian Water emergency interconnect was brought up for discussion once again. It was suggested that Mr. Joseph DeNunzio be invited to a Town meeting so he may be questioned directly. The agreement can be made with the proviso that the connection does not have to be made until it is mutually beneficial. This way the financing could be handled more easily but the \$50,000 cost is prohibitive at this time.
- Progress on the property on Tasker Lane was mentioned. Apparently a health inspector made a visit and noted that no one was living at the site. It is an issue that many citizens have multiple unregistered vehicles, but none are as blatant as on Tasker Lane. Lately it appears that the site has been somewhat cleared. It is felt that the Town Attorney's actions were not strong enough.
- In regard to the overhead electrical line on "C Dock" which were ordered to be removed. Mr. Pumpaly noted several correspondences on the subject with nothing having been done. Commissioner Letts mentioned that this situation should not be allowed to continue.
- The Long Point flag pole is being considered for repainting and the guy wire repair that needs to be made before the flag can be hoisted.
- Mr. McMullen was present to discuss the issue of perpetual care which recently has been included in the cost of the burial sites. He asked that the Commissioners approve the discontinuing of annual dues and make perpetual care a one-time payment. Commissioner Doss motioned to make this so and all approved. Commissioner Letts moved to allow the Krill family to switch from annual dues to a one-time perpetual care payment. This motion passed. The Town will also investigate the possibility of repossessing several lots for which we cannot locate perpetual care accounts.

- Mr. Pumpaly's wish list now contains a new large dump truck to replace our older vehicles. Mention was made of a pole barn for the maintenance area.

The award presented from IWIF this last week was mentioned.

A complaint from a resident about a fyke net in the harbor was addressed and it was noted that the Maryland Fisheries will contact the owners to ask them to move it.

Once again a property on 310 Cecil Street has been condemned. Cecil County has sent the owner yet another letter to encourage him to take care of the problem. By mid-March the situation is supposed to be resolved and will be revisited to the Board at that time.

Mention was made about reimbursement we expect from the County for expenses incurred because of the recent snow storm.

The recent job opening and filling of same was briefly discussed.

The summer MML Convention was mentioned and it was noted that all the reservations have been arranged.

The Town has been informed that we will be receiving grant money from DNR for the public boating facilities improvements.

The Boys & Girls Club upgrades were discussed and it was noted that an electrical inspector and a health inspector have been through the building.

Over payment for patrols in September were discussed. It was noted that there is a discrepancy of 16 hours in the schedule with the Town. The Town requested 20 hours for the weekend but were billed for 36 hours.

Mr. Pumpaly spoke of a writ of summons the Town received from 8 Louisa Partners because of an easement which was recently discontinued. This will be discussed with the town attorney.

The Trinity Woods playground was mentioned as having to be moved on very soon before the grant money disappears.

The Volunteer Recognition Evening expenses were presented and it was noted that only 85 people are allowed in the fire hall.

It was mentioned to schedule Mr. DeNunzio, from Artesian Water Company, for the next Town meeting.

At 8:58 Commissioner Doss moved to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session and all approved.