

TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
APRIL 24, 2007
MINUTES

President Gell opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Gell, Sheets, Vandervort and Durange were in attendance. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Henry Burden.

The Pledge was led by Tyler Sheets.

Accounts Payables were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Sheets to accept the report. Motion passed 4-0.

The minutes from the April 10, 2007 meeting were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Sheets to accept the minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Administrator's Report – Mr. Burden discussed the old cemetery's progress in clean up. The stump grinder is not working and clean up has slowed. We also repaired the pier that was damaged last year. The white truck is in the shop having the transmission rebuilt. It's also getting a rebuilt transfer case. The red truck has a defective transfer pump. Complaints were made about the stone on the road in Trinity Woods and children falling on the stone. We had the streets swept so that the stone would not end up in the storm drains. Commissioner Vandervort asked why the town is filling pot holes with crusher run. Mr. Burden responded that there are springs affecting the roads that they are taking a holistic approach. They will be fixed on a permanent basis once the underlying issues have been corrected. In the meantime, we are gearing up for a springtime maintenance schedule. Commissioner Sheets suggested getting together with the fire department if we are considering painting fire hydrants as different colors denote different types of hydrants. Lastly, there is a problem with feral cats and loose dogs. Mr. Burden asked the Commissioners if they would research methods for controlling the wandering animals.

A time for public comment was given. Mr. Dennis Dobay asked why Mrs. Sandra Williams is on the agenda. The response was that she requested an easement. Mr. Dobay requested that any decision be held until after his comments. Mrs. Williams asked that she be able to speak after Mr. Dobay.

Inflow & Infiltration Contract: Mr. Ted DeBoda from URS came to discuss the contract with Cecil County and then answer any questions the Commissioners may have. The study will include a camera which will go through the system to identify problems. The basins will be defined and evaluated. Once issues are defined projects will be developed. The smoke test will be followed by Cecil County. They will also use CCTV to illustrate some of the main problems. Flow metering will be utilized. URS will do GPS mapping of our sewers so that our maps in town will be up to date. The proposed time is 4 to 5 months to complete. Our cost for the study is \$156,000. Commissioner Vandervort stated that he feels

we should have a condition with the county that we would have the ability to develop if this project is undertaken and that it be in writing. President Gell commented that there is a meeting Thursday with the county regarding sewer hookups for Cool Springs and Scott Gardens. Dr. Gell asked if we wanted to see an agreement from the county or make it conditional upon the county's commitment. President Gell stated that he does not want the I & I issue to create a problem for Thursday's meeting. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to accept the contract only if the county will give us a commitment. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Northeast Little League sent a request for monetary support to help with tournament and travel expenses. Mr. Burden will check to see if we have any town children playing for Northeast Little League.

Sandra Williams is requesting an easement for sewer for her pier. At this point the drawing does not agree with the application. Mr. Burden stated that Mr. Baynes, the town's attorney advised that they must agree before the town can rule on the easement. Mrs. Williams asked Mr. Burden to send her a letter stating exactly what she needs, which he agreed to do. Mrs. Williams also addressed the issue of sewer easement that the sewer line be kept at a depth that doesn't interfere with the resident's enjoyment. She had previously told the town that she would pay to have the sewer line placed at a depth that would protect it. At the time she originally stated that it would have cost \$30,000 to \$50,000. It now would cost about \$150,000. The town's concern is that the sewer pipe would be damaged by the vehicles coming and going during construction of the pier. Dr. Gell stated that the town has put in as much revetment as we can afford. Given the demands of the town in other areas, it would be unlikely that the town would help Mrs. Williams with her sewer pipe depth.

Mr. Dobay came with his lawyer, Mark Clemens to discuss some issues of concern. One issue is the ownership of the property on which Mrs. Williams wants to build on. Mr. Dobay was required to get a title search and location survey. Also, MDE's approval of Mrs. William's project is restricted to the pier and does not include the revetment. Mrs. William's survey in question was recorded after the surveyor's license had been revoked. Mr. Clemens also pointed out that Mrs. William's pier and revetment are becoming linked as one. MDE approved a 200' long pier. He stated that the town is under no obligation to approve a project that exceeds the scope of the conditions. Also, Kevin Pampuch from URS, has been out to look at the proposed project and found at least 15 deficiencies. Mr. Dobay would like assurances that runoff will not be a problem for neighbors. He also has concerns that the revetment will encroach the easement. Mr. Dobay is requesting that Mrs. William's permit approval be denied and that she prove that she actually owns the property.

There were three options for Cool Springs utility compaction and the developer has agreed to Option No. 3 of the amendments, which extends the warranty of one year beyond the normal one year maintenance period as outlined in the Public Works Agreement for Roads and Storm Drains. President Gell recommended that we accept the extended warranty. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to accept the option in the amendment. Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Gell passed out a draft of the 2008 budget and will schedule a workshop to formalize the draft on May 8. After the meeting closes a budget workshop will follow.

President Gell made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara R. Kelly
Town Clerk