

# TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

## DECEMBER 11, 2007

### MINUTES

The Town Commissioner's Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Ryliegh Johnson lead the pledge of allegiance. She was presented with various small Christmas gifts in honor of her continued help. Commissioners Price, Sheets, Vandervort and Durange and President Gell were all in attendance.

The Accounts payables report was reviewed. After a brief explanation of certain expenditures, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes were reviewed. A question arose as to the disposition of the "duck blind" issue; discussion revealed that nothing had changed with this issue. It was mentioned that a recently discovered 1950 ordinance had been found that stated no anchoring or mooring could be within 150 feet of the pier. Enforcement of this ordinance comes under the Harbor Master's jurisdiction. A short discussion ensued concerning lights that have burned out around the town and their replacement. Motion was made to accept with exception to the misspelling of a name by Commissioner Sheets, Commissioner Price seconded then motion. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Vandervort abstaining since he was not in attendance at the last meeting.

The Sheriff's Report was presented by Sgt. Campbell expanding upon his written report. A question concerning the control and legality of "pocket rockets" within the town was presented and discussed with no consensus being reached on this issue.

Robert Corn presented the Miller Environmental water report. It was accepted as presented. A discussion of the "sewer agreement" ensued concerning an e-mail from Lamdin and sewer allocations involving Scott Gardens, capacities and County involvement. Scott Gardens discussion began with allocations questions and availability of builders for the project. The county population expansion and the water usage and availability in the future was discussed.

#### Town Administrators Report:

The "smoke testing" in Trinity Woods was brought forth with the ensuing details of the false alarm. Mention was made of the new safeguards to be used in light of this debacle. Mr. Burden discussed the sewer and drain water meeting he attended in Elkton earlier this week (12/10/07) at MDE. The need for sewer repairs and implementation within the Town were reviewed. Mention was made of damage to sewer drain pipes along Tasker Lane, superfluous water entering the lines and erroneous, high meter readings the need to address these issues.

The improved storm water map was shown to display the location of the proposed improved drainage for the area around the Town Hall. Costs, scheduling and implementation of the project in stages was discussed. It was proposed the break the project into three stages and investigate State help and contractors. This project will be initiated this Spring.

Maintenance personnel has requested and increase in their clothing allowance for the next year. It was proposed to allow the workers to purchase their own boots and the town would look into issuing hats, jackets and shirts. Another short discussion ensued about the "driveway" - it will be continued with P&Z in January.

There was no public comment presented.

The discussion of annual leave policy was presented by President Gell. Commissioner Sheets proposed tabling the discussion until it could be more fully studied. Commissioner Vandervort suggested not limiting the sick leave accumulation to 12 only days. It was pointed out that there are various options available to the accumulation and use of sick leave. Vacation time accumulation was suggested to be limited to no more than 6 weeks per year. Accrual would be based on pay period (or hours worked) - three hours of vacation/sick for every two weeks (pay period) worked. Commissioner Price recited the formulas used by the Federal Government concerning vacation and sick leave accumulation. Confusion was noted as to how the leave would be accumulated. It was agreed to table the discussion for further study.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Durange. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Jackson  
Town Clerk