

TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
February 27, 2007
MINUTES

President Gell opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Commissioners Gell, Vandervort, Durange and Price. Town Administrator Henry Burden was also in attendance.

The Accounts Payable Report was read and a motion by Commissioner Price to approve the report. Motion was approved 4-0.

The minutes from the February 13, 2007 meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Price. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Burden gave the Town Administrator's report. The town has been working to keep roads clear with the inclement weather. We also cleared sidewalks. There is a need to inventory the town properties because when they were surveyed the property lines end at the street, not the right of ways. Some of these property lines extend into the cemetery. The 1952 Price and Price survey is correct but there are other town properties that are in question.

The Sheriff's Office gave their monthly report.

A time was given for public comment. No comment was made.

Mayor Bunnell of Cecilton came and gave a visual presentation for the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

Cross Country Garden Club is requesting use of Veteran's Park on July 17, 2007. Commissioner Vandervort motioned to allow the Garden Club use of Veteran's Park. Motion passed 4-0.

Cool Springs PWA Agreements – Mr. Lambdin stated that they are here to get some interim approvals. He is looking for construction plans to be signed. They have all been reviewed and approved by URS. The only plans not yet approved by URS are the ones for the bridge. They were submitted about 10 days ago and they should be approved in 3 to 4 weeks. He would like the PWA Agreements approved and Dr. Gell to execute them with the exception of the following: bridge plans are reviewed and approved by URS, costs are approved by URS and then post the required surety as spelled out in the PWA's. Commissioner Vandervort asked Mr. Burden what his recommendation would be and he stated that he felt the Agreements are in place and should be signed. Commissioner Price moved that the Agreements be signed with the stated exceptions. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lambdin also asked about sprinkler specifications. Mr. Burden stated he would get the information to Mr. Lambdin.

Mr. Lambdin brought up HDPE (plastic pipe for storm water). Mr. Sheckles from MRA stated that typically they use concrete pipe, however, HDPE works well and is less expensive to use and tends to last longer. It is used by setting on stone and then adding stone on top. This would be a full change in construction. Motion was made by Commissioner Price to accept the change with the stipulation that URS approves the change. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lambdin introduced Tom Worth, a geotechnical engineer who brought up the issue of wet soil compaction. Wet soil compacts poorly. In order to eliminate the need to ship out the trenched out material and bring in granular material, Mr. Worth asked to implement a provisional plan to compact the trenched out material back in the excavation and then fill in any poorly settled areas. Mr. Lambdin stated that they were responsible for any corrections within the first year. Mr. Burden stated that URS is not going to approve this and his recommendation is also to disapprove this. Mr. Lambdin stated he would like to discuss the issue with URS. The other recommendation by Mr. Worth was rather than amending soil under areas to be paved, that they mix with concrete so that they can use a thinner layer of pavement.

LGIT Property Exclusions – There are some town properties that are not insured by LGIT, i.e., C-Dock and the water tower because there is liability insurance on it and other losses could be paid for by other means. Commissioner Durange motioned to keep it as is. Motion passed 4-0.

Post Office Lease - the Commissioners would like to keep the lease open in the event of building a new Post Office. Motion to accept the lease was made by Commissioner Vandervort. Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Gell passed out a preliminary mission statement to prioritize.

Ed Ensley asked what he would have to do to use Veteran's Park on August 25th, 2007 for his daughter's wedding. Mr. Burden asked that he send a letter to the town, a voluntary donation of \$100.

At 8:19 p.m. Commissioner Price moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Kelly