

**Town Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**  
**January 24, 2012, 6:30 pm**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Robert Gell. Commissioners Robert Gell, Renee Capano, Kenneth Confalone and Joe Letts were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryleigh Johnson.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Letts motioned to approve the minutes as they are written. This was approved 4-0.

Accounts Payable Review - The Accounts Payable report that was provided to the Commissioners was reviewed. Commissioner Confalone motioned to pay the bills per the Accounts Payable report. This was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Mary Carol Durange arrived at this point in the meeting.

- DHCD Loan Program 2012 Up-date – Charles Day, Mgr. Infrastructure Bond Program –
  - Charlestown has taken advantage of this type of program before in 1999. The current balance of the existing loan is \$699,700 with a maturity date of May 1, 2029. The term will not be extended. The issuance cost is already included in the refinance plan. In refinancing, the town will save about 7.71%. This will require an amendment to the ordinance that was just put into place. The total loan request is \$875,000.

**Town Administrator's Report**

**Old Business**

- Chesapeake Utilities Franchise Agreement –
  - Mr. Pumpaly states he has gone to North East and other municipalities but hasn't been able to obtain a copy of their proposed agreement. Commissioner Confalone questions the benefit of this program to the town residents.

**New Business**

- Maintenance Building Area Fence Proposal –
  - Mr. Pumpaly has been able to replace all of the tools that were stolen. There has been some discussion about building a chain link fence in the maintenance shop area. The entire parcel of the shop area is 11 acres. Mr. Pumpaly provided a map of where he proposes the fencing go through the parcel. The first proposal is for an estimated \$12,000.
- Cecil Inn ADT Security System
  - Mr. Pumpaly questioned why the Cecil Inn is secured while the old Boys and Girls Club is not.
- "If I Were Mayor" Contest
  - Mr. Pumpaly provided information to the Commissioners on the contest and how it relates to the Banner City program through MML.
- Ethics Commission
  - Mr. Pumpaly received a letter from Commissioner Confalone, prior to the election, resigning from his position on the Ethics Board due to his election to the Board of

Commission. Based on how this is regularly handled, this position has been listed in the Cecil Whig indicating the position is open.

- Eagle Scout Project – Logan Kline
  - Logan Kline presented his idea and plan for the Charlestown Basketball Court to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Durange motioned to give Logan permission to move forward with his project. This was approved. 5-0.
- WILMAPCO –
  - Mr. Pumpaly presented that WILMAPCO has planning funds available for things such as scenic byways, land use, planning needs, and community workshops. Wib requests that if the Commissioners have any ideas to submit them to him so he can submit them to WILMAPCO by February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Charter –
  - Dr. Gell questions the time of the Town Commissioner Meetings. He suggests that the meetings begin at 7:00pm. This led to discussion about the next meeting which is scheduled for the night of Valentine's Day. It was approved to move the next meeting to Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **Period of Public Comments**

Gophery Richardson – Mr. Richardson requests more information on the Chesapeake Utilities Agreement. He stressed his concern for who repairs the roads and intersections once they have been torn up for the gas lines. Mr. Richardson states that in 5 meetings of discussion this agreement we still don't know much about it. Commissioner Durange explains that the condition of the roads is explained in the agreement.

Mr. Hadley – Mr. Hadley explained his concern for people parking on both sides of the road in Trinity Woods. Larger vehicles are not able to make it through the neighborhood. School buses rely on people moving their cars when they are in the neighborhood so they can make it through. Commissioner Gell requests a draft ordinance from Mr. Pumpaly.

Dennis Taylor – Last year the Town held several Public Hearings. Mr. Taylor feels the most important job of the Board is the budget and wants to know why the work sessions for the budget aren't advertised.

Commissioner Durange motioned to adjourn, this was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Jackson; Town Clerk.