TOWN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING

January 8, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Commission President Gell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led once again by Ryliegh Johnson. Commissioners Vandervort, Sheets, Durange and Price were all in attendance.

Accounts Payable discussion included explanation of the Tyler Technologies training, support and software expenses. Comment was made concerning the unusual length of the report, this was attributed to the Commissioners not having met for an extended period. Commissioner Price made the motion to accept the Accounts Payable, Commissioner Durange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sheets made the motion to accept the 12/11/2007 Minutes as written Commissioner Durange seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously with no discussion.

Sheriff’s Report was delivered by Sgt. Campbell. He expanded on the written report submitted and explained that the first patrol for December was scheduled on 12/14/07 and that this occurred because of confusion in the schedule submission.

Miller Environmental report was given by Robert Corn. Question arose as to the amount of water treated during December as it seemed perhaps exceptionally high. This was hopefully explained by the Holidays and school vacations.

Town Administrator’s report included a report on Stormwater management meeting. Comment was made concerning the damaged guard rail on the curve of Baltimore Street and the recent spate of graffiti and minor vandalism in the area. Replacement/relocation of the main pumping station was mentioned and relegated to further investigation and funding options.

Public comment included notification that the street signs on Charlestown Place were missing. These include the speed limit sign and street name sign. Discussion was made concerning other speed control devices such as “speed bumps. Motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort Sheets to replace street name sign, replace speed limit sign with a 15 mph and install “Children at Play” sign. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheets and was subsequently passed unanimously.

Duff driveway was brought up as a suggestion from the Zoning Board meeting that a permit would be applied for, issued and approved for the portion on private property. Commissioner Vandervort made the motion to waive the fees involved and seconded by Commissioner Price. The motion passed unanimously. The citizen expounded once again on the driveway situation.

Mr. Capano objected to the Town Administrator’s supposed inaction as to entries on Zoning Boards’ Agendas.

Citizen Meredith Lubking commented on “the letter” and expressed her confidence in the present Board.

EDU Allocations for Scott Gardens was discussed and was left to expire from lack of action.
The monthly budget report was introduced and explained. This will now become a monthly statement from the Office Manager. It was explained that incoming revenues have not been up to expectation because of the slowdown at Cool Springs and Scott Gardens. It was indicated that the Main Pump Station has been condemned and must be replaced. It was requested to have URS make a presentation of the I&I Study findings to the Board. Problems with notification on new water and sewage connections were discussed.

Town Hall storm collection design was discussed. It was suggested that options be considered that would serve to eliminate water collection at the base of Conestoga Street. The design phase of the drainage project at Town Hall was touched upon. The motion to allocate another $1700 in the drainage project to address the stormwater problem on Conestoga Street was made by Commissioner Vandervort, seconded by Commissioner Sheets and passed unanimously.

Notification letter for Park and Wharf usage was discussed. Commissioner Sheets motioned to table this discussion until after the election, this was seconded by Commissioner Durange. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the audit has been completed, and to have the auditor present their findings if possible. It was noted that the “Management Letter” will have to be forthcoming before the presentation.

The Town Pier registration fees were discussed and because water was not yet available on the pier, it was moved by Commissioner Sheets to keep the fee at $300. Commissioner Vandervort seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Fiscal year budget amendment discussed involving Tyler Technology (UB) expenses. It was proposed to procure the funding from long term savings. It was suggested that the funds be transferred from Parks & Recreation and/or Planning & Zoning instead. A motion was tendered to remove the funds from MGLIF to fund this amendment by Commissioner Sheets. Commissioner Vandervort later motioned for half of the expenditure to come from the General Fund and half from the Utility Fund, this was seconded by Commissioner Sheets and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sheets motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Durange. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was ended at 8:05p.m.