

CHARLESTOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Gell, Sheets, and Vandervort were in attendance as well as newly elected Commissioners Durange and Price.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ty Franks from Cub Scout Pack 367. Mr. Burden read the results of the election. Clerk of the Court William Brueckman swore in the new Commissioners. The election of the officers was as follows: President: Robert Gell, Vice President: Steven Vandervort, and Treasurer: Richard Price.

The total count for the elections are as follows: Judy Calvert 78 votes, Mary Carol Durange 93 votes, Richard Price 110 votes, and Don Stanley 84 votes.

The meeting was turned over to President Gell.

The Sheriff's report was given by Sargent Michael Holmes. Sgt. Holmes stated that they are working on giving the town a much more detailed report.

The Accounts Payables were read and moved by Commissioner Price. Motion passed 5-0.

The minutes from the December 12, 2006 Town meeting were read. Commissioner Sheets moved to approve, motion passed 5-0.

Robert Corn of Miller Environmental gave his monthly report.

Mr. Burden gave his Town Administrator's report. Cool Springs has started their grading project. A preconstruction meeting took place last week and they discussed the project and where the bridge would go. Lennar is getting ready to finalize their plans for Scott Gardens. The Payne annexation is in the works and about ready to bring to a vote. A draft letter to Matt Carter is in the packet for Commissioners' review. Chesapeake Road project is down to the last 100 feet. They have already installed 1400 feet.

A time of public comment was given.

Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to have plaques made for the outgoing Commissioners. Commissioner Price seconded and it was approved 5-0.

Doris McDaniel asked if it was illegal for untagged cars to be parked on the street. Mr. Burden stated that he would check into it and report to her.

Ryleigh Johnson, age 7 came and addressed the Commissioners, asking them to please keep the holiday lights up year round. Commissioner Gell stated that the Board would study this question and let her know if it is possible.

James Ward was nominated as an alternate to the Appeals Board. Mr. Burden will set up a time for the Commissioners to interview Mr. Ward.

Fund Balance, our utility billing contractor, let us know that in order to use the new meter reader, we would need a computer interface for the system to read the meter's information. The cost would be an additional \$1244. Motion was made to purchase the interface by Commissioner Sheets . Motion passed 5-0.

The annual request from the Charlestown Ambulance Fund Raising Committee was received. The budgeted amount for the Fire Company this year is \$7,000. Commissioner Price moved to table the request until more information is received. Motion passed 5-0.

Prosper and Ursula Boudart asked about repairs to the house next to them that burned October, 2005. They are asking if the town can help move along the progress of the renovation of this house. Mr. Burden stated that the structure will be examined tomorrow by the County inspector to determine if it is a safe structure.

Ursula Bourdart asked to be reappointed to the Ethics Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Sheets to reappoint Mrs. Boudart. Motion passed 5-0.

The contract for the Reverse 911 Mobilization Interim Protocol was discussed. This would give the county the ability to call residents in the midst of an emergency. Commissioner Price made a motion to accept the agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

Chesapeake Care Resources has asked the Commissioners to waive the hookup fees on a house they are building because they are a non-profit organization. Chesapeake Care is a non-profit organization. The staff recommendation was to deny the waiver. No action was taken.

LGIT our insurer, has sent us the latest Property Declaration Pages and Property Schedule for review. The values are out-dated and Mr. Burden suggested he call and have LGIT come and appraise the properties. Commissioner Gell instructed Mr. Burden to call LGIT.

Public comment was again opened and discussion was made about the election process.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara R. Kelly
Town Clerk