

CHARLESTOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
July 10, 2007
MINUTES

President Gell opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with Commissioners Gell, Price, Vandervort, and Sheets. Commissioner Durange arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Public Meeting – Representatives from Cecil County Public Works Department and URS Corporation gave a presentation describing the study of inflow and infiltration with our sewer system.

Accounts Payables – The Accounts Payables were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Price to approve them. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes - The June 12, 2007 minutes were read. Commissioner Price made a motion to approve them. Motion passed 5-0.

Miller Environmental Report – Robert Corn gave the monthly report.

Sheriff's Report – Sergeant Michael Holmes gave the monthly patrol report. He also introduced Sgt. Dennis Campbell, our new liaison with the Sheriff's Office.

Town Administrator's Report – Mr. Burden gave his report including the update on Cool Springs development, repairs to potholes in town, Black Avenue where the road is beginning to collapse, possible use of tire mulch at the playground and repair of the water fountain and ship. The project down at Chesapeake is finished. The pipe underneath Charlestown Place is two different sizes and a basin may need to be put in. The Kubota has been repaired at a savings of \$2,500.00. Money has been set aside for a new truck and Mr. Burden would like the Commissioners to take some action on that and also set a policy for rotating vehicles. Mr. Hearne has had his knee surgery and will be in rehabilitation for a while.

A time for public comment was given. Ms. Stanko spoke about the repairs needed to the playground. Valerie Hahn asked if Cool Springs has been given sewer allocation from Seneca Point. Mr. Williams asked about the cave-in in front of the cannon at Eagle Point. He also mentioned lattice work at the Boys and Girl's Club. Ms. Bott asked if the church fence could be fixed. Another resident asked if a sign could be posted on the Foot Bridge that states "no motorized vehicles". It

was mentioned that there is a manhole on the other side of the Foot Bridge that is depressed and is a breeding ground for insects. It was discussed that it will probably be addressed during the I & I study.

Comprehensive Plan Contract – The Town has engaged Peter Johnston to develop a new Comprehensive Plan which the State requires. A motion was made by Commissioner Price to accept the contract. Motion passed 5-0.

Tri-State bill dispute – Our attorney has advised us that there is no language in our contract stating that we should pay a fuel surcharge.

MML Vice President ballot – the Commissioners are not adding any additional names to the MML Chapter nominations.

Clifton Gunderson retained as accountant – Commissioner Vandervort stated that he feels the Town should get other bids for an auditor. Bids will be sent out.

Audit Acceptance – The Commissioners need to accept the audit before they can be disseminated. Commissioner Price moved to accept the audit. Motion passed 5-0.

Accounting Software Agreement – Commissioner Sheets stated she would like to wait to see what will happen with the sewer project before choosing accounting software. Discussion was given on both sides of the issue. Motion was made by Commissioner Durange to table the issue. Motion carried 5-0.

John Smith Journey – Port Deposit – Commissioners are already attending.

Budget Amendment 2006 – Motion was made to accept the budget amendment by Commissioner Sheets. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted by,

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Town Clerk

