

TOWN COMMISSONER'S MEETING

JULY 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Vandervort, at 6:35. Also in attendance were Commissioners Durange, Gell and Price. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryleigh Johnson.

The Accounts Payable report was reviewed, and after a Peter A. Johnson charge was clarified, Commissioner Gell moved to accept the report as written with Commissioner Durange forwarding the second. This motion was unanimously passed 4-0.

The minutes from the July 8th meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Gell moved to approve the minutes as written with Commissioner Durange offering the second. The motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioner Price abstaining.

Stan Hearne was present for the Town Administrator's Report.

A proclamation in honor of Constitution Week (9/17 - 9/23) was presented for consideration before presentation at the September 9th meeting. Commissioner Gell moved to approve participation in this event. Commissioner Price made the second and it was unanimously approved 4-0.

The Bradley Electric proposal to install 220 service in the Boy's & Girl's Club for window air conditioners was discussed and thought to be expensive. Commissioner Gell moved to accept the proposal as written because of the time factor involved. During discussion it was decided that Commissioner Durange would check with another electrician for a better quote.

The Town road repair proposal from McGuirk Construction was discussed and recommended for approval. It was noted that a portion of the cost would be paid by the plumber who required a ditch in order to complete the water service at "C" Dock. Commissioner Price made the motion to accept and Commissioner Gell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved 4-0.

A playground equipment grant for Trinity Woods must be submitted before 8/25/08. A committee which has been formed will be notified by Commissioner Price of an August 5th meeting to move forward with recommendations. The FEMA lots on Old Philadelphia Road were briefly discussed for possible recreational use.

Public Comment began with a citizen questioning how and who to notify when potholes appear.

A Vector Ordinance for the Town was presented for review. It will be sent to the lawyer to also review before the final approval vote.

Stephanie Garrity was present to introduce herself as the new County Health Officer. She reviewed the mission and responsibilities of the Health Department in Cecil County and distributed brochures. Commissioner Price raised a question concerning the ongoing sewage problem at Holloway Beach, which is in the County, and asked Ms. Garrity if she could investigate, via the Health Department, and hopefully develop a solution. She suggested a visit to view the problem and a lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Garrity was given a copy of the proposed Vector Ordinance for her comments.

Dave Matthews was present to ask for a waiver to consume supervised alcohol consumption during their function at the Veteran's Park Pavilion. It was suggested that the sentence on the reservation form which speaks of a waiver to the no alcohol rule be deleted from the form. After discussion on this issue Commissioner Durange moved to approve this waiver provided the Town's insurer had no objections. Commissioner Gell seconded the motion and it passed 3-1 with President Vandervort dissenting.

According to insurance policies, Wellwood Marina overhead electrical lines on Town property need to be moved. Also an ongoing trespass problem in that area should be made to cease. President Vandervort discussed having the Town lawyer take action on behalf of the Town's tenant. The commission agreed to pursue this action.

Replanting four trees at the Boy's & Girl's Club was introduced for discussion. Commissioner Price suggested the decision be included with the other committee suggestions from the August 5th meeting. A forest service technician, who had viewed the four trees to be replaced, noted that a virus is in this area and may eventually destroy 80% of the oaks in Cecil County.

Commissioner Price mentioned that Charlestown Marina will not have business access during RiverFest, because of street closings. This is a problem which would be discussed at the next RiverFest Committee meeting.

President Vandervort reported on a recent meeting with PNC bank about their rates and services. He also has met with Cecil Federal. It was noted that pool money at PNC is not FDIC insured whereas Cecil Federal would fully insure all money. It was agreed to further investigate alternative banks.

Commissioner Price proposed that the "Vision for the Town" committee meeting would be held August 5 at 7 p.m. at his residence. The members would be contacted via e-mail.

The final 2008 Comprehensive Plan was discussed and it was noted that Peter A. Johnson has sent a response to the State concerning their various suggestions for changes.

Commissioner Gell announced that Charlestown received a recycling award for 12% recycling, the highest of any town in the County. A group of 1812 War Reenactors is considering an event to be held in Charlestown in honor of a local skirmish from that time. He also spoke of non-operating street lights. It was suggested that a list of pole numbers be collected so this information could be faxed to the appropriate Delmarva facility.

Commissioner Gell moved to adjourn with Commissioner Price seconding. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01.