

CHARLESTOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES
June 12, 2007

President Gell opened the meeting at 6:30 with Commissioners Gell, Vandervort, Sheets, Durange and Price in attendance.

A moment was given for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting then opened as a Public hearing for the Town Tax Rate. The discussion was whether the Town will continue with the constant yield. After public comment the hearing was closed.

The meeting opened as a Public Hearing for the Budget Amendments. A time of comment was given. After comments the Public Hearing was closed.

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

The minutes from the May 22, 2007, meeting were read. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to accept them. Motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Sheets abstained.

Miller Environmental gave their monthly report on Public Works.

Sgt. Michael Holmes gave his monthly Sheriff's Report.

Mr. Henry Burden gave the Town Administrator's Report. Chesapeake Road pipes are all laid. We ran 1,428 ft. of pipe. The total cost of the project is between \$80,000 and \$90,000. The estimates we had gotten were over \$300,000. Later this year a holistic approach will be taken on each basin. The Town Administrator made a recommendation on the location of the new pump station. He would like a consensus from the Commissioners so that he can move ahead.

A time was given for public comment.

Mr. David Matthews spoke regarding the Sprinkler Ordinance. His presentation was that using sprinklers in homes is not cost effective and the risk does not warrant the cost.

There is a proposal for a new website for the town. Commissioner Vandervort moved to accept the proposal. Motion passed 5-0.

Comprehensive Review of the Town Critical Area – The Critical Area Commission sent the Town revisions to our Critical Area Ordinance.

Mr. Brett Engroff is asking permission to tether a hot air balloon on the Town Green one day between July 4 and 7, 2007, to give free rides to children and parents. He will have an insurance policy with the Town on the policy. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to allow the balloon rides. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commissioner Price made a motion to accept the Budget Amendments. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Price also moved to accept the 2008 Budget. Motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Vandervort voting nay.

Scott Gardens II PWA was removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Sheets asked about painting the rooms in the Boys and Girls Club. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to approve the colors.

President Gell stated that Cran Henry has donated the Ice House to the Town and Delegate Rudolph has told the Town that there is money to make the Ice House a museum. Commissioner Vandervort stated that the Commissioners should have a voice in what is done with the Ice House. Commissioner Price made a motion to pursue making the Ice House a historic destination and having an active part in its development. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commissioners discussed the location of the new pump station. The current recommendation from the Town Administrator is Site B, which is across the street from the existing pump station. Motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort to select Site B, if and when it is replaced.

There will be no meeting on June 26 due to the Maryland Municipal League Conference.

With no further business, Commissioner Price moved to close the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara R. Kelly
Town Clerk