

**Town Commissioners Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Robert Gell at 6:30 pm. Present were Donna Sheets, Robert Gell, Mary Carol Durange and Joe Letts.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ryleigh Johnson.

Commissioner Sheets made the motion to accept the Accounts Payable report as written with Commissioner Letts seconding and all approving.

Commissioner Letts moved to accept the 2/25/09 minutes as written with Commissioner Sheets seconded and all approving.

Robert Corn presented the February Miller Environmental Report.

Sgt. Dennis Campbell presented the Sheriff's Office report for February. Discussions with Town residents arose about posting weekly Sherriff reports to the Town website. Commissioner Letts was hesitant about posting any information which might compromise ongoing investigations. Commissioner Sheets noted that the recent reports have been much more informative.

Heather Dunigan from Wilmapco distributed information and spoke about her organization which is a regional transportation planning agency that covers both New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County. Commissioner Sheets discussed the routes of the small bus transportation that is available in other Cecil County towns but bypasses the Town of Charlestown. Ms Dunigan will follow-up on this issue. Commissioner Gell asked about the possibility of moving the I-95 toll booths so Cecil County is not affected. Ms. Dunigan replied that this was highly unlikely.

Commissioner Letts reported that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, again at the fire hall. He noted that the Trinity Woods development has already started to organize their program.

Commissioner Letts recommended that "CLOSED AFTER DARK" signs be posted at all Town parks. He then made the motion to post the CLOSED AFTER DARK signs and Commissioner Sheets seconded with all approving.

Commissioner Letts discussed the purchase of a digital surveillance camera system for the Town. He would like to make recommendations on systems for at least three separate cameras, with final approval by the Board. Commissioner Durange noted that this was already discussed and approved at a previous meeting and suggested going forward with the process. He also made mention of BB shooting incidents around the Town over the past weekend.

Commissioner Sheets asked Sherriff Campbell about progress concerning obtaining the "MPH indication" signs she would like to see used around Town and certainly near the school. She asked about the possibility of renting or borrowing this equipment from the County.

Commissioner Sheets made a motion for the Town to pay the Fire Department's portion of the 50/50 grant obtained for the recently purchased Lifepak unit. Commissioner Durange seconded with Commissioners Gell, Sheets and Durange approving and Commissioner Letts abstaining.

Town Administrator Report:

- Wib Pumpaly reviewed all of the February Monthly financial reports.
- Mr. Pumpaly discussed the costs of repairing parts of the Fairgreen Park fence that was destroyed by vandals.
- Mr. Pumpaly reminded the Commissioners about the May 19<sup>th</sup> County Commissioner meeting and advised them that a decision will need to be made as to whether the Town will invite the County Commissioners to dinner prior to the meeting. A decision does not need to be made at this time, but thoughts for discussion and a decision would be needed for a future meeting.
- Mr. Pumpaly discussed the possibility of holding interviews with the applicants for the Ethics committee next week and asked the Commissioners to reply to him with dates and times they can be available.
- Mr. Pumpaly mentioned that he was doing preliminary work on the 2009/2010 budget and requested information the Commissioners may have on any, as yet, unknown, upcoming expenses which may need to be considered.
- Mr. Pumpaly informed the Board of the work being done on the updates to Charlestown's Mitigation Plan.
- Mr. Pumpaly spoke of the progress concerning the three lights to be installed at the Athletic Complex.
- Mr. Pumpaly notified the Board about the information he has received regarding the proposed, lighted Town message board. The actual location of this sign continues to be problematic.

Public Comment:

- Mrs. Boudart discussed standing water in the area of Market Street starting with Mr. Jarinko's property and on toward Water Street. She suggested sidewalks and curbs to alleviate the problems. Commissioner Durange stated that this has been discussed numerous times and has always been turned down. Mrs. Boudart suggested that this is a long range project.
- Mr. Boudart mentioned that he felt one of the wells on the Cecil Inn property is unsafe. Mr. Pumpaly stated that a safety covering for this well is being completed by the Town maintenance crew. The Cecil Inn restoration board will make permanent recommendations on how to make all the wells on the property safe.

Commissioner Gell reported that the cable franchise bill failed.

Commissioner Gell suggested that a census committee be formed to ensure that the 2010 census questionnaires are completed and returned by Town residents.

Commissioner Sheets motioned to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Durange seconding and all approving. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.