

TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
October 9, 2007  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were President Gell, Commissioners Price, and Sheets. Commissioner Vandervort arrived at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Durange arrived at 7:20 p.m.

A moment was given for the Pledge.

Sargeant Dennis Campbell gave the monthly Sheriff's Report.

The Accounts Payable report was read. Motion was made by Commissioner Price to approve the report. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Price made a motion to purchase Fund Balance.

The minutes from September 25, 2007 were read. Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Sheets abstained.

Robert Corn from Miller Environmental gave his report.

Mr. Henry Burden gave his Town Administrator's report. Mr. Burden reported that he attended a County meeting regarding I&I. Dates relating to the next town election are in the Commissioners' packets. There was vandalism in town a little over a week ago. It cost the town over \$400 to make repairs.

A time was given for Public Comment. Howard Hall asked when the Halloween Party would be. Commissioner Sheets responded that it will be 6-8 p.m. the same night that County holds their trick-or-treating. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to hold the party the same night as the County. Motion passed 4-0.

A discussion was given regarding purchasing a new accounting program. Commissioner Price made a motion to proceed to purchase Fund Balance accounting program. President Gell seconded the motion. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Durange to table the issue. It was decided to table the issue until further information could be gotten.

A Resolution draft for dealing with water leaks in town was discussed. President Gell stated that the town needs a resolution dealing with water leaks between the house and the meter. There are two different scenarios: one where the house is a vacation home and taking the average usage over the previous 4 quarters would not be indicative of normal use; and the second would be the year-round homeowner that has consistent use. The leak must be established and certified. The homeowner would have 10 days to respond and repair the leak. Commissioner Price moved to accept the resolution as amended.

The Town Clerk gave a report on possible purchase of holiday cards. The Commissioners would like to pursue the idea of sending cards, perhaps with inclusions for the Holiday Party.

The proofs for the new utility billing cards was discussed. The Commissioners approved the proofs.

A report from URS regarding improvements to the Town's existing storm drainage system was discussed. URS is suggesting a complete redesign of the system. This report shows what the cost would be to do

the work. Commissioner Price made a motion to approve funds up to \$13,600.00 for the repairs. Motion passed 4-0.

It was determined at 7:39 p.m. that there was no tape in the recorder. A tape was then installed in the machine.

A new fence ordinance draft was reviewed by the Commissioners. This draft is to introduce the draft for discussion purposes. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to proceed to the next step with draft number 1. Motion passed 4-0.

The election dates for the next Town election were discussed. Commissioner Vandervort moved to establish the election dates. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Burden gave information about the possible purchase of a new salt spreader. Mr. Burden called the State of Maryland and we can "piggy-back" on their bid. There is also a vendor in Street, Maryland that has a spreader for \$3,700. Commissioner Sheets made a motion to purchase the spreader. Motion carried 5-0.

There is a Forms of County Government Meeting on October 23, 2007 from 7-9 p.m. that is a public forum addressing charter government. It falls on the same date as the next Town Meeting. No action was taken.

Dolly Henry sent a note of thanks for the flowers for Cran Henry's funeral.

Commissioner Price gave a report on the first Comprehensive Plan meeting. The Committee is taking on one project a month to address the issues. The Committee will meet the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Tomorrow the municipalities in the County are making presentations at the BRAC meeting in Monmouth, NJ. Dr. Gell will be attending.

Motion was made by Commissioner Durange to hire Koester Painting Co. at \$13,000. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further business, President Gell asked for a motion to move to Executive Session. Commissioner Durange made the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara R. Kelly