

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
April 28, 2015

The Town Meeting was called to order by President Joseph Letts at 7:00pm. Commissioners present were Renee Capano, Ken Confalone, Robert Gell, and Joseph Letts. Absent was Commissioner Hechmer

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Confalone.

Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2015 Commissioner Gell moved to approve, Commissioner Capano seconded. Approved 4-0.

Accounts Payable Review April 28, 2015—Accounts payable in the amount of \$108,883.41 was presented for payment. Commissioner Confalone moved to accept, Commissioner Gell seconded. Approved 4-0

Carpenter Engineering – Long Point Revetment Project – Mr. Ronald Carpenter from Carpenter Engineering was present and went over the revised proposal for his oversight of the project for the Long Point Revetment project, which now includes construction review. Commissioner Capano asked if it was normal to have time and materials and Mr. Carpenter responded that he could do a fixed contract if so desired. This project is disturbing the buffer and he does not know what the County will require due to this disturbance. He will provide a profile water view, cross sections and quantity takeoffs to Contractors so that the bids will all be on the same concept. Commissioner Letts moved to accept Mr. Carpenter's contract seconded by Commissioner Confalone. Approved 4-0.

Accounting/Budget Update – Tom Jones - Mr. Jones reviewed the budget figures year to date. The budget looks favorable for the year. Salaries and benefits are under budget except for Worker's Comp insurance due to the reclassification on one of the employees. Commissioner Confalone expressed that the papers presented to help with the budget process will make the process much easier this year.

Boat Ramp Gate – Commissioner Letts stated that the gate was approved but not funded, and the ordinance was not signed. Commissioner Confalone thinks that we are in a much different place at this point and we should not be spending the money at this time. Other actions have taken care of the problems that the gate was intended to solve. Commissioner Capano also agreed that we not spend the money.. Commissioner Capano moved to not put the gate in at the boat ramp, seconded by Commissioner Confalone. Carried 4-0.

Commissioner Gell stated that the town had a letter from Mr. Metz offering to operate such a gate at the boat ramp and pay the town. Commissioner Confalone said that he thought the letter was to have us not have the gate in operation. Since we are not contemplating charging non-residents to use the ramp, this is a moot point. Mr. Metz was asked if that was the case and he said yes.

Town Administrators Report

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Limit Reductions – MD 267 – Mr. Pumpaly was asked to speak to Delegate Hornberger to ask for lowered speed limits on MD 267 in town, lowering from 40 to 30 sooner than is now posted. Delegate Hornberger has been in contact with the SHA.

Appeals Board Alternate – Mr. Pumpaly was asked to seek an Appeals Board Alternate. The position was advertised in the Cecil Whig. People have until the 15th of May to apply. One letter of interest has been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Critical Area Commission Grant – Each year Mr. Pumpaly applies for a grant from the Critical Area Commission. Each year we have been fortunate to receive \$2,000.00. We quarterly report on these monies. We have received approvals of the grant for the coming year.

Bass Master Fishing Tournament – There will be a Bass Master Fishing Tournament here in the area August 13 – 16th. Mr. Pumpaly received a packet of information seeking donations to sponsor the tournament. Commissioner Letts spoke with the Chief of Police of North East. There will be a captain's meeting at the Wellwood on August 12th. Other than that we have no other involvement. Commissioner Confalone stated that they are essentially asking for two things, money and lifting of our parking. Commissioner Capano stated that in the past we have lifted parking restrictions during special events and sees no problem with lifting them for this. Commissioner Gell asked if we would like to donate \$500 for sponsorship. Commissioner Capano stated that one of Market Street's distributors is willing to donate banners to welcome participants. Commissioner Gell moved that we put up a \$500 sponsorship for the Bass Tournament, Commissioner Capano seconded. Carried 3-1.

Street Repairs Mr. Pumpaly stated the obvious that his past winter was harsh and that was hard on our streets. Some of the streets are in Original Charlestown and others in Trinity Woods and Trinity Woods Preserves. There are 14 areas needing repair. The cost to repair potholes in 14 areas is \$9,349.00. One of the pictures passed around seems to be a sinkhole in Trinity Woods Preserves. In addition Mr. Pumpaly tries to do a section of road each year because the roads have not been done since 1990 25 years ago. This year he proposed to repave Calvert from Lousia Lane to Caroline Street (\$18, 872.00) and Caroline Street from Calvert Street to Water Street(\$20,954.00). The total to do all repairs and paving is +- 59,0000.00 Because Highway User Revenues are not going to cover these repairs. Commissioner Gell asked how much we expect from Highway User Funds, Commissioner Confalone thinks that the answer to that is around \$40,0000.00. When we know more about how we stand on budget for next year, we can discuss this further.

Water Meter Replacement @ Tower Vault The meter vault at the water tower is in a confined space which should be monitored for O₂ and CO, neither of which we do. The contractor reads the meter daily. We have been sighted by the Department of the Environment for these violations and need to rectify the situation within 30 days of the sighting. We need to respond to the MDE soon. LB Water was here and visited the sight. The price for the new meters is \$9,928.88. Commissioner Capano moved to purchase and install the new meters at a cost of \$9,929.88, Commissioner Gell seconded. Carried 4-0

Eagle Scout Projects – In the Commissioner's packets is a form for listing possible Eagle Scout Projects as we have been approached by the Scout Master of Perryville seeking such projects.

Mr. Pumpaly brought to the attention of the Commissioners that he had heard from Kevin Wagner from the MDE congratulating us on the passage of our Flood Plain Ordinance and its approval by FEMA.

Mr. Pumpaly has heard verbally from Boating Services/Waterway Improvement Fund. Mr. Pumpaly applied for a grant to remediate the sight at the Water Tower where we dumped the dredging soil in 2008-2009. Once

the soil is tested and approved it can be sold to Landscapers or those in the topsoil business. He thinks the grant may amount to \$20,000.00

At the MML annual convention they are asking for an In Memoriam request to recognize former Commissioners, now deceased, because they will be recognizing them at the Convention. Commissioner Capano and Commissioner Letts mentioned Edgar McMullen

Mr. Pumpaly needs responses from the inquiries from the attorney and feels the need for the Commissioners to go into Executive Session as the information is needed by tomorrow morning.

Commissioner Capano stated that the Spring Into Summer Event was a great success. This is an event done in conjunction with the Elementary School. Bike America brought gave a demonstration and had the kids do an obstacle course on their bikes to promote bike safety. The Charelstown Fire Department brought an ambulance in and let the kids experience first- hand begin strapped to the gurney and loaded into an ambulance so in the event it is necessary some of the fear will be lessened. There were obstacle courses and other healthy life style presentations for the participants. The Wellwood donated Cuties, Market Street Café donated Turkey Dogs and the PTA contributed bottles of water. They ran out of food which meant that they had over 100 children participate in the program. The event is growing every year.

Movie Nights will be finalized soon and still waiting to hear from Box Trolls and Paddington Bear. Some of the older children have requested Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Commissioner Capano is still waiting to hear from GoodCause about coordinating a drug awareness/prevention program in conjunction with one of the movie nights.

Town Wide Yard Sale is May 16th. Call in to Town Hall if you wish to have your sight advertised give a call to Town Hall. Your address and the significant items will be listed on our website.

First Night Out is August 4th.

Period of Public Comment

Joyce Bernierlillen 325 Market Street is still in very bad disrepair. The stench is horrendous, the gate is open to a pool in the back yard. Trash and a mattress are still on the porch. There is still someone still living there. Can anything be done? Commissioner Letts asked Mr. Pumpaly if he could look into it and find the Mortgage Company. Mr. Pumpaly stated that the health department has been there, but not done nothing.

Angela Hickman thanked the Commissioners for their efforts with the kids and to let her know if further assistance for events was needed.

Prosper Boudart Has the town ever done a study on how many boaters use the ramp? He worked near there and was amazed at how many people use the ramp. It may be money maker for the town. His other idea is that Mr. Vannoy may be looking for dirt. Mr. Pumpaly has already been in contact with Mr. Vannoy.

Lori Wankel voiced an opinion that we might make money by selling passes for the boat ramp even without the arm. Also where are we with the feral cat population? Cat Crusaders and Dr. Carolotti are continuing their efforts and catching a tremendous amount of cats. They operate on donations and at some point the town should give a donation. She then asked a question of Mr. Metz asking what the loud booms was over the weekend. The Wellwood Yacht Club fired a cannon for the start of their season.

No further comments

Commissioner Gell moved and Commissioner Confalone seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM . Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I

Approved 5-12-2015