

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND
January 27, 2015

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Taylor

Approval of the Minutes of January 13, 2015 Commissioners Hechmer and Capano abstained from voting due to their absence at the meeting on January 13th. Commissioner Gell moved to approve, Commissioner Confalone seconded. Approved 3-0.

Accounts Payable Review January 27, 2015—Accounts payable in the amounts of \$5,616.51 and \$52,749.96 were presented for payment. Commissioner Letts moved to accept, Commissioner Confalone seconded. Approved 5-0

Cecil County Public Schools – Use of Facilities Commissioner Capano has learned that the school system is considering charging up to \$10 an hour for groups using their facilities. This will impact the groups that use the facilities. With all of the drug abuse prevalent in our county, she feels that the groups that use the schools are a tool to help stem this tide. She would like this brought to the attention of all the mayors.

Financial Review & Update – Tom Jones He discussed a letter of comments received from the auditors. He stated that the accounting process is being simplified so that next year's letter of comments should be much less.

Proposal – Commissioner Gell proposed the request of a crosswalk on Market Street. He suggests that we approach the State to put in a pedestrian walk to help children who are on their way to the playground. Commissioner Capano asked if we might also have one to help with getting to the basketball court. Commissioner Hechmer asked that Mr. Pumpaly contact the state. Commissioner Hechmer also stated that he had asked Delegate Rudolph to lower the speed limit.

Cecil Inn Sales Offer – Commissioner Hechmer presented a contract offer on the Cecil Inn. We have a resident of Cecil County who has put in a cash offer with a \$5,000 deposit and a contract amount of \$45,000.00 with no inspections and a March 20th settlement. It is Commissioner Hechmer's opinion that we accept the offer. Commissioner Letts moved to accept the offer, Commissioner Capano seconded. Commissioner Confalone discussed the devaluation of the property since our acquiring it due to the deterioration of the building and this is as good an offer as we are likely to see. If we wait any longer we will have far more problems. Carried 5-0.

Town Administrators Report

OLD BUSINESS

Flood Plain Ordinance 2013-01 Mandated Revision Mr. Pumpaly has been advised by the Department of the Environment that mandatory changes are required. He had passed out copies in the last meeting's books that were marked by the Department. If we make any of our own changes, it is strongly suggested that those changes be presented to FEMA so that the ordinance is in compliance. Commissioner Confalone asked that the changes from FEMA needed to be in the presented language. This ordinance is required for town residents to receive flood insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

Settlement Conference – Slip Tax Court Case A settlement conference will take place tomorrow at 11:00 AM. The Commissioners are asked to be in attendance or give someone authority to speak for the town. That is not possible due to our structure. Commissioner Gell will try to be in attendance, Commissioner Letts can attend, Commissioner Hechmer is not be able to attend, Commissioner Capano will not be able to attend, Commissioner Confalone will attend.

Chamber of Commerce Business Directory The Chamber wants us to renew our ad in their directory. We will go with the bold listing.

Period of Public Comment

No further comments

Commissioner Capano moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Commissioner Letts. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I