

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
*May 12, 2015*

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Nick Strong

The Town Meeting was called to order by President Joseph Letts at 7:00pm. Present were Commissioners Renee Capano, Ken Confalone, Robert Gell, Bruce Hechmer, Joseph Letts and Mr. Wib Pumpaly, Town Administrator.

**Approval of the Minutes of April 28, 2015** Commissioner Confalone moved to approve, Commissioner Capano seconded. Approved 4-0. One abstention.

**Accounts Payable Review April 28, 2015**—Accounts payable in the amount of \$23,601.61 were presented. Commissioner Confalone moved to accept, Commissioner Gell seconded. Approved 5-0

**Miller Environmental March Report - Josh Griffith** - A total of 2,778,000 gallons were produced for the month, with an average daily production of 93,000. No coliform samples tested positive. Weekly housekeeping and monthly maintenance was performed. Quarterly meter readings were completed. Residual water at Chesapeake and Inspiration were found to be run off. Quarterly misreads were re-read. River Shack water was turned on and off and on due to a leak. Turned water off at 457 Chesapeake Road, at 315 Caroline a meter reading was preformed. At 614 Bladen a significant leak was found, turned water off. Ordered parts for the spare soda ash pump, new power cords were installed on the soda ash pumps. Turned water off at 523 Calvert and since have turned it back on when new tenants became occupants. Found leak at 235 Caroline Street. Assisted MRWA listening for leaks at the Inspiration and Chesapeake locations and no leaks were found. New diaphragm ordered for spare soda ash pump and installed and is still in use. Finished weekly reads 424 Water Street. Water turned on at C Dock. Pressure test on hydrants at Louisa and Calvert and found adequate pressure. Turned water off and on to facilitate repairs at the intersection at Calvert and Louisa Lane and Ogle and Chesapeake Roads. Met with LB Water to go over new remote read meters and meter replacements in WTF meter vault. Verified leak at 408 Chesapeake between the meter and house. Addressing low pressure at 102 Pagosa. Marked 4 Miss Utility requests. Replaced 4 water meters. Proved 2 Blue Poly pipe installation checks at 614 Bladen and 401 Caroline Street locations after repairs were made.

Mr. Pumpaly mentioned that the pressure at 102 Pagosa is in question. The homeowner has only 30psi. This is not enough pressure to oscillate an old fashioned water sprinkler. The fire hydrant at Pagosa and Cool Springs has a static pressure of 40 psi and residual of 20psi which is too low. The hydrant at Cool Sprigs and resident #154 has a static pressure of 50psi and a residual pressure of 30. A hydrant located at Louisa Lane and Bennie Drive has a static pressure of 65psi and residual pressure of 50psi Each lot in Cool Springs was engineered by URS and the MRA Engineering staff. It is baffling that there does not seem to be enough pressure in this area. 161 Cool Springs is lower in elevation than 102 Pagosa and they seem to have enough pressure. Commissioner Hechmer suggests that each home be checked for fire pressure and at least check the hydrants. We continue to look at this situation. We are again asking the question of where the difference in our production and our metered usage lies. Commissioner Hechmer also reminded the Commissioners that Mr. Lambdin has promised \$50,000 for use in water system problems. Commissioner Letts suggests using Mr. Gary Bott to help with this issue.

**Cecil County Sheriff's March Report** – A total of 136 hours were approved and a total of 126.50(1 overtime) were used. One individual was arrested on a warrant and one loud music complaint was addressed (volume was

turned down). Assisted with one out of Town call. 16 traffic citations were issued, 13 traffic warnings were issued, and 4 safety repair orders were issued. Ten community contacts were made.

**Cecil County Sheriff's April Report** – A total of 136 hours were approved and a total of 139.50(7.5 overtime) was used. Two individuals were arrested on two different dates for Controlled Dangerous Substances, One parking citation was issued, One disorderly conduct issued was addressed, a fuel spill at Charlestown Marina required the dispatch of the Cecil Co. Hazmat Team, One child welfare check was performed, child found to be OK, One Juvenile Assault case was referred to School Unit. No out of Town assists. 15 Traffic Citations , 17 Traffic Warnings were issued, Two safety repair orders were issued. One Suspended license arrest was made. Eleven Community contacts were made.

Commissioner Capano thanked the Sheriff's department for catching the pot bellied pig today.

**Accounting/Budget Update** – Commissioner Confalone We need to respond by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the constant yield. We need to have a budget meeting sooner rather than later. The meeting is set for 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 13 at Town Hall.

**Cat Crusaders Report** –As of April 21, 2015 a total of 30 cats have been trapped, 17 female and 13 males. Of those 30 cats 3 were not returned to the colony as they were deemed friendly and adoptable, so they were sent to rescue organizations. One of the cats was altered before being sent to the rescue because of the questionable ability of him to become an indoor cat. The other two were sent unaltered and will be altered by the rescue organization. In total 28 cats were altered by the program. 15 females at a cost of \$50 per cat, and 13 males at a cost of\$ 40 per cat. This results in a total of \$1,270.00. Commissioner Capano said that one of the volunteers stopped at her home and discussed their progress. Commissioner Confalone moved to pay Cat Crusaders \$270.00 to pay the rest of the costs so far incurred and going forward we should discuss with them their expected costs, seconded by Commissioner Hechmer. Carried 5-0. While the problem is reduced, we still have a significant population. Mr. Pumpaly will speak with Cat Crusaders about their ongoing program and their plans.

## **Town Administrators Report**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Truck Disposition** – Mr. Pumpaly has received two bids for the town truck that we advertised. One bid for \$ 2,501 and one for 3,000. Commissioner Capano moved to accept the \$3000 bid , seconded by Commissioner Confalone. Approved 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Towing and Parking Passes** – After an initial spurt of towing last summer it seemed to taper off significantly. Mr. Pumpaly talked to four different towing companies and they really do not want to place themselves in a position to enforce our parking permits. Commissioner Hechmer suggests that we stay with the program that we have. We need to make it clear that we will support our towing company. The towing company does not want to come into town and “hang out” because it is not financially feasible. We might ask them to swing through town when they are in the area

### **Period of Public Comment**

Prosper Boudart urged the Commissioners to keep pursuing the slip tax case. We have hired a new firm and things are moving along much faster than before.

Commissioner Capano reminded those who want to have a yard sale this weekend and want to be on the list to call town hall.

No further comments

Commissioner Gell moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Commissioner Confalone. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I*

Approved 5/26/2015