

TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND

July 22, 2014

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Dakota Strong, BSA troop 567

Approval of the Minutes of July 8, 2014 – Ken Confalone motioned to approve the minutes with the correction to show Robert Gell present, Commissioner Letts seconded it. All were in favor, approved 4 – 0.

Accounts Payable – Commissioner Letts motioned to approve the Accounts payable and Kenneth Confalone seconded it. All were in favor, approved 4 – 0.

Boat Ramp Electronic Gate Bid Review – Charlestown Commissioners – Commissioner Hechmer stated that it has been a long process and the town received many proposals. He proposed going with PSX inc. Mr. Dave Williams was present to explain his proposal and to answer any questions. The price proposed was \$14,700 for the high security system with a lighted arm, breakaway and hinged gate with a rubber bumper. There is another system without some of the extras for \$700 less but Mr. Williams suggests the high security system... Equipment will be housed in the bathhouse in a lockbox. Mr. Pumpaly mentioned there is an access area in the ladies restroom that is locked year round. Mr. Williams described that the system has the ability to provide reports on usage using a USB port with a laptop. Several topics of logistics were discussed such as placement of the gate, the handicap parking access area. In addition, discussion was made in reference to flooding concerns with regard to placement. Commissioner Confalone asked how much a replacement arm would cost. Mr. Williams noted that a replacement arm is approximately \$225 for lift-master and \$350 for the high security. Mr. Williams explained a maintenance plan. President Hechmer motioned to approve the proposal for a boat ramp gate as proposal by PSX inc.; to be installed in the fall of 2014. Commissioner Letts seconded it. Commissioner Gell stated that he doesn't feel it is a "worthwhile idea" Motion approved 3 – 1.

Commissioner Hechmer proposed the cost of the access card to be free for Town residents, \$100 for Maryland residents, and \$125.00 for non-Maryland residents. Commissioner Hechmer suggested having fishing tournament access fees as well, 3 day access for \$350, 7 day \$700 and \$1000 for 14 days. Replacement cards would be \$20 for all. Commissioner Hechmer suggested that this will be brought up at the next Town Commissioner's meeting after the commissioners have a chance to review it.

Town Administrator's Report
Old Business

Mr. Pumpaly stated that the Historic District sent a nice thank you note for the donation that was given to them. He presented the following budget reviews.

- June Budget Review
- June Cash Balance Review
- June Accounts Receivable Review
- Final Review Tennis Courts/Basketball Court Project – they are finished, still waiting on fence to be completed and there also is a walkway that is going to be added.

New business

- Habitat for Humanity Dedication is on August 1st at 11:00am
- Robert Gell advised the board that the Frisbee dog competition will take place on September 7th at the athletic field.
- Mr. Pumpaly stated that the town was declined for the video lottery grant.

Period of public comment

Mr. Mike Noel would like an explanation of the parking permit/ticket program. Commissioner Hechmer explained that the program was started to allow access to the beaches for the residents. Mr. Noel asked why now tickets are being written for cars being parked in the wrong direction.

Ms. Doyle – *stated* that some people have been parking in front of her driveway, her complaint is with the dogs. She has contacted animal control, spoken to Town Hall, and spoken to the landlord. Dogs are in her yard, messing in her grandchildren's pool. She needed to throw away her pool due to the dogs going in it. President Hechmer stated that he would get with Mr. Pumpaly and see what can be done.

Mrs. Wankel thanked the board and stated that it is so refreshing to see that things are getting done and that we are "moving ahead".

Dorothy Curry complained that the empty lots in Cool Springs are not mowed or kept up. She asked Ryan about them and they stated they do not own them. Commissioner Hechmer asked Mr. Pumpaly to contact the developer to see what can be done. She also asked why the boat ramp cards cannot be bought on-line.

Mr. Atwater did not have anything to say.

President Hechmer motioned to close meeting and go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Commissioner Letts seconded it. All were in favor, approved 4 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM

Executive Session

Subject to the provisions of Sub-Section 10-508, Governmental Procedures, Closed Meetings; the Charlestown Commissioners will adjourn to closed session to discuss (1) a personnel matter that affects one or more individuals and (2) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice

Respectfully submitted by: Janine Antoshak, town clerk

Approved August 12, 2014