

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 25, 2021 6:30 PM

In attendance: Commissioners Elmer, Fields, Fockler, Kronner, and Wood; staff Bryan Lightner, Janine Antoshak, Debbie Myers; Public attendees, Ursula Boudart, Kenneth and Mary Confalone, Gary Bott, Christmas, Jennifer Ganter, Scott McMahon, Debra Sawyer, Sean Durgin.

Call to Order – President Fields call the Period of Public Comment to order Budget Concerns
No comments were received. The public comment time was closed at 6:58PM.

Call to Order –President Fields called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Lightner led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes – May 11, 2021 – Charlestown Commissioners **Commissioner Fockler moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Wood . Approved 5-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – May 19, 2021 Budget Work Session **Commissioner Fockler moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Kronner. Approved 5-0-1(Wood)**

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$40,266.20 were presented for approval. **Commissioner Kronner moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 5-0.**

Ordinance 21-03 FY 2022 **Budget Commissioner Kronner moved to adopt Ordinance 21-03 FY2022 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 5-0.**

Water Tower Painting Project Update - We are experiencing some very critical low levels in our tanks. We need to encourage water conservation. A notice will be sent to the Marina owners asking them to have their boat owners not power wash their boats. If we lose the tanks, it will take 12 hours to recover and there will be no water to anyone during that recovery period.

Old Business

We have received a thank you for the support of the Ice House event in April.

630 Water Street Lease – Mr. Lightner stated that this is straightforward tenant eviction and Mr. Beste suggests that we stay the course. Commissioner Fockler has had a conversation with Mr. Schneckenberger from the county. Commissioner Fockler wants to know what we are going to do with it once they vacate? Let's get the tenants out and then make a decision.

Noise Complaint Suit – Commissioner Fockler – Mr. Beste is still reviewing the ordinance. Commissioner Fockler had a meeting with Sgt. Kalinsky and AD Dellmeyer. The state has agreed to go forward and witnesses are being sought.

Eagle Scout Project – Slave Cemetery Work – Commissioner Fockler stated that he knows we have an issue with the fence needing a permit, and Commissioner Fockler has been in touch with Mr. Halsey to get a permit for that in order. They are working on the wording for the signage. Commissioner Fockler has also been in touch with Cecil College about doing a scan to try to locate the graves.

WiFi & Cameras, Office Phones Ms. Antoshak She has received information from Comcast on the costs of installation and monitoring. This project could be covered by the CARES ACT monies. The Commissioners are in favor of installing cameras at Avalon, the Garage. Somebody is stealing sand from the pile that was left at Avalon. The pile of pea gravel is also getting smaller. We will have the guys spread the pea gravel that is left. This system would be hard wired.

Circuit Rider Grant Application – Mr. Lightner In your packets are a cover letter which needs to be sent to apply for a grant, a resolution and a memorandum of agreement. We will be requesting \$55,000. 15 hours for each town. The grant would recover 95% of the funds. The cost to the towns would be \$1500 each. **Commissioner Fockler moved to approve the resolution, seconded, by Commissioner Kronner. Approved. 5-0.**

Avalon Building & Park – Commissioner Wood has not been able to get Mr. Tomarro. Since it will be over \$10,000.00 we need to put it out to bid. Mr. Lightner was asked to produce an RFP.

Wellwood Parking Request & Avalon Parking Situation The parking was atrocious. We need to get the trailers out of lower Avalon and moved to Upper Avalon. Commissioner Wood would like to see rigs towed. Wellwood had requested parking for employees in Upper Avalon and there is no room on weekends with the current need for parking of boat trailers we have no room. We need a sign down there immediately to warn people not to park in Lot A. Commissioner Wood's idea would be to tow them to the Upper Lot. Signs will be ordered immediately. Commissioner Wood suggests putting barricades. Commissioner Fields likes the idea, however thinks that people will just move it. We do have signs that say Chesapeake Service Center is a towing company. Commissioner Kronner had a conversation with Larry Metz who said that he was short of parking spaces if he allowed parking spaces for boats he would not have enough spaces for his clientele. If he has that space free he should have enough space for employees. Since the park closes at dusk the boaters should be gone before the concert goes. Commissioner Wood stated that we can always call one of our vendors to get ahold of lights. Commissioner Fockler suggests that we table the request of Wellwood, but we do need to get lights up there. He also thinks that if we have additional expenses for that lot, that we add it to the parkmobile app. Commissioner Elmer will look into solar lighting.

York Building Products Appeal – Commissioner Fockler had a meeting with Stark and Keenan bringing them up to speed and he thinks they have filed the appeal for judicial review. Stark and Keenan has suggested bringing in Mrs. Payne who is another resident adjacent. Commissioner Fockler's opinion was that we had a chance of getting the ruling overturned, this was not stated as the legal opinion of the law firm representing us in the appeal. The county has 60 days to produce a transcript.

New Business

Code Complaints – Historic District Mr. Lightner will be sending out letters of violation addressing some complaints received from residents.

Flag – Commissioner Wood has not received the mockup back, but will get it in as soon as possible. Commissioner Wood has purchased a bounce house and a commercial grade popcorn machine. She paid for the bands and the bounce house and popcorn machine out of the parks budget and did not go over budget.

Commissioner Fields stated that awhile back we were going to take the sign down stating permit parking only at Fairgreen Park. The Commissioners are in agreement to take the sign down.

Commissioner Fockler talked with Dan Schneckenberger about dredging again. Commissioner Fockler asked Mr. Lightner to get a meeting together with North East, the County, business owners, Army Corps of Engineers to begin to start talks about dredging.

Commissioner Wood congratulated the ladies on the new look of Town Hall.

Period of Public Comment 5 minute limit

Richard Mahan – The issues he had are being addressed. He stated that we have a process and everyone needs to adhere to the process. The town needs to be more aggressive about permit violations. We need to make sure things go through Historic District and the process is adhered to.

Sean Durgin – Last night we had an HOA election. Sean Durgin, Dan Sweet, Tim Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Lambdin were elected to the board of the HOA. The only complaint he had was that the residents did not know about the water restrictions. Supposedly there is an arrangement with the town to mow behind the Durgin properties from their property lines to the fence of the pond. The Town staff will check into this and if we are to mow it, we will see that it gets done. Mr. Durgin has sent a power point to the town noting the various starts of the sink holes and other road issues.

Ken Confalone – A general parking is you can't pour 2 quarts of water in a 1 quart can. Parking should be addressed in the next comprehensive plan.

Mary Clark Confalone – Avalon needs security. There are cars parked there late at night. She thinks that is important to address that. She would like to have some mulch delivered to Avalon behind the stage. She thinks about 20 minutes with the front end loader would be helpful. We will get it in before the wedding on June 5th. She thinks that we need to look at other fencing around the planting. The stage has been used for skateboarding. She wonders what would take it off. Commissioner Wood says Awesome will take it off. The center of the top step has a sticky spot. Commissioner Wood thinks goo be gone would get that off. The mowers shot the pea gravel all over the place. Commissioner Elmer has talked to the maintenance staff and they will have a load of mulch out there Thursday.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Elmer at 8:55. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Myers, Town Clerk