

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

April 6, 2022

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held a regularly scheduled meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole, CPA; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire. Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr. was excused from the meeting.

Notice of Closed Meeting

On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor & Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board"), a Closed Meeting was requested and approved by all present pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Attendance: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the March 16, 2022 hybrid virtual meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present with no corrections or amendments.

ACTION: The financial report and the bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Town Administrator's Report

Bid Opening Project 2021-001 Well House #4

Mayor Alt, noting Mr. George's absence from the meeting, asked Ms. Henson to open and read the bids into the record of the minutes.

Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson stated the Town received (4) bids for Project 2021-001 Well House #4. She stated the project will entail construction of a well house and related equipment in order to connect the Town's water system and proposed related Water Storage Tank.

Ms. Henson read the bids into the record of the minutes. The bid results are as follows:

Lawrence C. Bathon Builders, Inc.	344 Appleton Road Elkton, Maryland 21921	\$1,394,250
Johnston Construction Company	4331 Fox Run Road Dover, Pennsylvania 17315	\$2,164,872
Lee Foundation Company, Inc.	10039 Pulaski Highway White Marsh, Maryland 21162	\$1,802,500
Wickersham Construction	777 East Ross Street Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602	\$1,357,284

Ms. Henson stated the bids will be forwarded to KCI Technologies for review prior to issuing a Notice of Award.

ARPA Application for Qualifying Non-Profits

Ms. Henson presented an application for funding assistance by qualifying non-profits for a portion of the Town of Elkton's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She stated the application met U.S. Treasury regulations. She added that the application, fund disbursement and follow up reporting will be tracked in preparation of anticipated audits.

Elkton Alliance Request of Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition and Road Closure for Spring/Summer Events

Mayor Alt presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the following events:

Car Cruise, May 13

Car Cruise / Jump into June Event, June 10

Dog Days of Summer Event, June 17

Request for Road Closure for Car Cruise Events 3p.m. - 8p.m.

107-109 Main Street to Courthouse Plaza / 117-118 North Street to Main Street

Request for Road Closure for Memorial Day Parade May 30

Bow Street, Railroad Ave., North, Main and Howard Streets

ACTION: The request from the Elkton Alliance for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition and Road Closure for the above referenced events was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt stated a resident of Heritage Woods questioned if he could purchase a right-of-way that leads to a parcel noted as a "neighborhood park" within the neighborhood. Mayor Alt queried if recreational equipment is required for the area. Ms. Henson stated the area was deeded to the Town as Open Space, adding that the Open Space would have been created pursuant to State

regulations in place at the time of development. She added that she would pull the original Public Works Agreement to find out additional details.

Mayor Alt announced that the Board is invited to attend the 138th Annual Banquet at Singerly Fire Company.

Mayor Alt announced the Little League Parade is scheduled for Friday, April 8th, asking the Board to meet at 5:45 p.m. at the ballfield. Mayor Alt added that Mr. Tim Eller asked Chief Rogers to walk with the Board during the parade.

Mayor Alt asked the Board to consider budgeting funds for audio/video upgrades to the Mayor & Commissioners meeting room.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano thanked the volunteers who assisted with preparing the gear for the upcoming Fishing Rodeo. He stated he is meeting with the Cecil County Toys for Tots Campaign for assistance with prizes for participants, adding that he will accept all donations that can be used as prizes for participants.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated he attended the Elkton Middle School production of Annie, Jr. on April 1st. He commended the students and production staff, adding his desire for a partnership between the schools and Cecil College for equipment and scholarships.

Commissioner Piner stated he attended the dedication of the Bernard Purdie mural at the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC) on April 2nd. Commissioner Piner thanked Mr. Purdie and his trio, keyboardist Meho Nobuzane and bassist Danny Boone. He thanked artist Bruce Gulick; Jessica Price and Margie Blystone of the Elkton Alliance; Ann Marie Hamilton and the Arts Council; Mary Magaw and Parks & Recreation; and the entire team that made the event a success.

Commissioner Piner expressed his desire for an annual Bernard Purdie Scholarship fundraiser event for Elkton High School music students.

Commissioner Piner, referring to gas line installation on White Hall Road, stated he spoke to the contractor regarding his concerns about restoration of the properties.

Commissioner Piner expressed concerns regarding the condition of the former Happy 40 store on Route 40. Mr. Downs stated the Zoning Director Chip Bromwell has been in contact with the property owner.

Commissioner Massimiano interjected his concerns regarding the condition of the former Minihane's Pub on Main Street.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens concurred with Commissioner Piner's comments regarding the Bernard Purdie mural dedication, offering kudos to all involved.

Commissioner Givens stated Mr. Purdie was part of the first integrated student body in Elkton.

Commissioner Givens offered his congratulations to Mr. Purdie for recognition of his accomplishments.

Commissioner Givens stated he visited Gilpin Manor Elementary on April 5th to assist children in kindergarten - 1st grade during lunch. He expressed his appreciation for a 4th grade student who recognized him from a previous Town-sponsored event, and suggested that the Board visit local schools.

Commissioner Givens requested an update regarding the property located at 213 East High Street. Mr. Downs stated the Deeds are awaiting the signature of County Executive Hornberger.

Commissioner Givens expressed concerns regarding the Holly Hall property.

Commissioner Broomell's Report

Commissioner Broomell echoed the comments of Commissioners Givens and Piner regarding the Bernard Purdie mural dedication event.

Commissioner Broomell thanked Mr. Handley and the Department of Public Works for maintenance of the crosswalk at North and High Streets.

Mayor Alt added that the property at 107 North Street had been purchased and will be used as a music venue. He added that the property at 112 West Main Street was recently sold, as was the property at 105 North Street.

Public Comment

Ms. Diane Hair echoed Commissioner Givens' comments regarding the Holly Hall property. Mayor Alt expressed frustration that the owner of the property is permitting it to fall into disrepair.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE

Note: The minutes of regularly scheduled public meetings conducted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton, following their approval, are posted at www.elkton.org. The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921.